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Most of the authors have the advantage of looking back to describe their process, but don't let the apparent similarities of the situation and terrain seduce you into thinking that it is a clutch of variations on a theme. If we make the journey attentively, we might begin learning who we are. **Nancy Nangeroni, Kymberleigh Richards, Christine Beatty,** and **Dawn Koro** talk about where they are and how they got there. **Anne Harper** and **Ruth Ann Wynn** give a different slant to a different stage, but we're still doing the work we came to do.

Cori Hess and **Holly Boswell** retrace their discoveries of a spirituality that complements their process of self discovery. **Patrick Conover**, thank God, has done his homework and settled the Bible arguments for us.

Danielle and **Melissa** are neat folks, and it's nice to have independent evidence from an outside observer, **Diane Peterson**, to confirm my feelings.

Leah Schaefer, PhD, from the Harry Benjamin Association said that the only trouble people in the gender will have in life on earth is dealing with other people. **Janis Walworth** and **Elga Remes** both affirm this thesis, Janis with the on-going Michigan Womyn's Music Festival saga, and Elga with a reading on how things are in Latvia. **Jan Nagurski's** piece belongs here, too. So does **Allison Marsh's.**

Selena Ann Shepherd is just fun to read and always has an outlandishly wonderful idea. Enjoy. And **Linda Buten** reminds us that we have to mind the store.

The pictorials are two of the most delightful (we're talking fun, here) events: Paradise in the Poconos® and the Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Fling, whatever.

An engineer friend of mine, when comparing two devices, said, "They're pretty the same except where they're different." Later on she stopped by my desk and said, "Actually, they're very different except for where they're the same." The closer we got to press, the more I remembered that afternoon.

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WHAT IS IFGE?

Once again I was asked those ever-popular questions, "What actually is IFGE's objective?" and, "Why does IFGE exist?" Well, here we go again. I figure if I say this enough times in enough different ways, people will eventually see the light.

First, our primary objective is to build a happier and safer world for all. I use the word "world" because I want people thinking in universal terms, and not just in terms of their own self interests. I say "for all" and not "for us" because although we are members of a special community, we are also members of the world community. We cannot act without considering the effect of our actions on others. Also, if we are going to ask others to help us make this a happier and safer world for us, we must return the favor. After all, we not only serve our people, we also serve those people whose lives we touch, and that's just about everybody.

If we're going to have an objective, we're going to have to have a means to achieve that objective. That means is education, especially the kind of education that overcomes hatred and fear. I place a greater importance on education than on politics mostly because although political action is important, the real struggle is for people's minds and hearts. If we can't overcome hatred and fear, no law in the world is going to protect us, or make our lives better.

Naturally, if we're going to educate, we need educators. We must build an army of educators. That means we must build a worldwide community of people who share this common objective (to build a better world through education), and are willing to work together to achieve it.

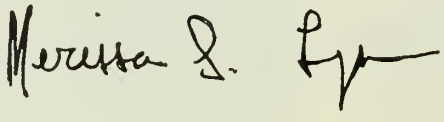
This is where IFGE comes in. IFGE was created to build that army, that community, and provide the tools that would enable that community to achieve our objective. The national headquarters, the *Tapestry,* the Coming Together convention, publications, and our endowment fund are all tools. The board of directors is also a tool.

The IFGE board of directors is much larger (21 members) than it needs to be to run IFGE. That means the large IFGE board was created for another reason. It was created to provide a strong base of support for IFGE, and to provide a cadre of leaders who would work to build that community. The IFGE board of directors must realize that its greatest importance is building a community, building an army of educators who would work together for a common purpose. It is the board's responsibility to carry IFGE's message to that community, and make IFGE's tools available to it.

It should go without saying that it makes no difference how important the board thinks it is, if it doesn't work. You've heard me say it before, there's no point in having a shiny new car if it doesn't run. Therefore, if the board is going to be effective, it must: 1) Stay focused on the primary objective. After all, if we don't know where we're going or why, we will never get there. 2) Care about the other members of the board. Send birthday and Christmas cards. Call up and chat. Ask about the kids. Give hugs. Think of the board in terms of family and friends. In order for the board to be effective, we must work together as a team. It's a lot easier to be a team if we like each other. 3) Be patient. We'll get there, but not if we're in too big a hurry. Aesop didn't write the story of the tortoise and the hare for nothing, you know. Impatience leads to frustration. Frustration leads to quitting. Quitting leads to nowhere. 4) Support IFGE with your leadership, your participation, and your money. Leadership, sweat, and money make all things possible. 5) Don't criticize. Criticism does not constitute support. Criticism poisons and decays. There are better, friendlier, more productive ways to get things done.

IFGE's objective is to build a better world in which to live. Its focus is education. Its means is an army of educators (a community of people with a common objective willing to work together to achieve that objective). Its primary reasons for being are to build that army of educators, and provide it with the tools of the trade. The IFGE board is one of those tools.

Sincerely,



Merissa Sherrill Lynn,
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Religious Right & Wrongs

When Chris Young told me I was going to be speaking at this luncheon, I asked what she wanted me to talk about. She said, "Anything." I said, "Great! Can I talk about the Religious Right?" Chris said, "Ah ..." She says things like that when she gets surprised.

When I told Yvonne Cook-Riley, IFGE's Director of Operations, that I was going to talk about the Religious Right, she got all excited. Yvonne's an old-time political street fighter. She loves that sort of stuff. She also knows I'm the kind of person that invites religious extremists into my home and locks the door behind them. Her eyes lit up and her hands started flailing all over the place. "Go get 'em! Give 'em hell! Fire and brimstone! We're transgendered and in your face! Yeah!" Yvonne may be a political street fighter, but I'm not. I have no intention of giving anybody hell. That's not what I'm about, and that's not what IFGE's about. What we're about is education. We want to heal the wounds, not inflict them. When I told Yvonne that, she walked away mumbling something about lost opportunities.

What can I say? I don't want to attack these people. What I want is for you to be aware that we are being targeted by the Religious Right. We're now on their hit list. Congratulations. Make no mistake. The Religious Right is not religious. It's political. Its objective is power. Its recruits are primarily Christian. One of its primary recruitment techniques is to attack the gay community, which includes us by association. Their tool is religion. Their weapons are lies and distortions, hate, fear, ignorance, and the Bible.

I have some great examples of their use of distortions. Has anybody seen the video *The Gay Agenda?* It's a beautifully done piece of propaganda. After watching it, if I didn't know any better, I'd hate us too. For instance, they stated that gay men participate in thousands of anonymous sexual encounters. Do you know where they got their "facts"? They got them by interviewing 41 men in a New York City bath house. That's like going to a brothel to get data on the sexual activities of heterosexual males. They video taped the worst of the gay riots in San Francisco, which is like judging black people based on the Los Angeles riots. They video taped the worst of the San Francisco gay pride parade, focusing on drag queens. That's like judging American society based on the Mardi Gras. You've heard me say it before, "Tell a lie big enough and often enough, and you'll get some damned fool to believe it."

Where do we fit into this? First, we're the victims. Second, one of IFGE's primary reasons for being is to overcome ignorance, especially that ignorance which causes hatred and fear. In effect, IFGE exists to destroy three of the Religious Right's primary weapons: ignorance, hatred, and fear. To do that we are trying to build a community of good people who will work together for a common objective, to educate people and help them overcome their ignorance and in the process build a happier and safer world in which to live.

The reason I am here is to ask you, to beg you, to come and join us, to work with us. Get to know Laura Caldwell and her Strategic Planning Committee. They are the ones planning our future. Get to know Sharon Ann Stuart and her Legal and By-Laws committee, and the people from the International Transgendered Law Conference. They are the ones carrying the fight to the lawmakers. Get to know us all, and please, come and join us.

Working together, we can destroy three of the Religious Right's primary weapons, hate, fear, and ignorance. However, that fourth weapon, the Bible, is something else altogether. We all know the Bible has been used to justify some of the very best things ever done. It has also been used to justify the worst crimes ever committed: mass murder, genocide, racism, sexism, you name it. No matter what we do, we're not going to get people to stop using the Bible. The challenge then is not to get people to stop using the Bible, rather, it's to get people to use it in a good way, and not in a bad way. Think about it.

I have here a wonderful example of the Bible being used in a bad way. This is a booklet, which was mailed to me, anonymously of course, entitled *Intolerance of, Discrimination Against and the Death Penalty for Homosexuals is*

This article was a keynote speech at the Southern Comfort Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on October 1, 1993 (Merissa Sherrill Lynn is the Founder and Executive Director of IFGE and Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of *TV/TS Tapestry Journal*. Merissa also serves on the Executive Committee of the IFGE Board of Directors. Anyone wishing to contact Merissa may do so by writing: Merissa S. Lynn, P.O.Box 367, Wayland MA 01778 USA.)

Prescribed in the Bible. It's written by a fellow named Pastor Peter Peters. Do you like that name? The first thing I thought of when I saw it was Major Major in *Catch-22*. They made him a major. If you make Major Major a major, what do you make a guy called Peter Peters? If you use initials, do you call him Pastor P.P.?

In any case, the booklet is garbage, sent to me by a homophobic bigot who doesn't know the difference between gender identity and sexual expression. At first I paid it no nevermind. Then I saw a guy named Reverend Phelps on the Jane Whitney show. What a beauty. Anybody know Reverend Phelps? He's the guy from Topeka, Kansas who takes his parishioners and his family to picket the funerals of gay people who died of AIDS, carrying signs saying "God Hates Fags" and "The Faggot Had It Coming." Right after that I read in the paper where the retiring head of the Baptist church declared that all men who wear dresses are condemned to hell. Let me repeat that. The head of the Baptist Church condemns you to hell. Then I saw *The Gay Agenda* video which I mentioned earlier. By that time I thought Pastor P.P.'s booklet deserved a second look.

If anybody's interested, I brought along a copy of my response. Basically what I said was, "You're a jerk and we're not." But, I did it so eloquently.

Actually, except for the part where I called him a narrow minded zealot, a religious aberration using the Bible to hurt people, and an embarrassment to Christianity, I was pretty polite. I'm not going to bore you with the details of what I wrote. I can do that later. What's really important here is, no matter how bizarre we think these people are, they have power, they have money, they have fanatic dedication, and they're coming after us. They're not going to stop with the gays. As I said, they don't know the difference, and even if they did, they wouldn't care. Their agenda is political, not religious, and the gay community is the hate group of choice.

Yesterday you heard Annie Woodhouse say we can't change the world. We can, and we are.

How important is it for a power hungry group to have a hate group to focus on? How important was "Jew" for Hitler? "Communist" for McCarthy? "Nigger" for the KKK? "Liberal" for Rush Limbaugh? It works. It gives people a common enemy. It's very easy to get people to hate a category, especially if those people are afraid, and don't know any better. However, it's not so easy to get people to hate a person, and therein lies our challenge. We must have the courage to get out of our closets and into the world, and help people get to know us. It's called education, and our lives depend on it.

Another thing we need to do is support our Christian friends, especially those using their faith in a good way. For instance, let's go back to Pastor P.P. Here's a guy who is using the Bible to justify condemning you and me to death. Compare that to how Jane Ellen and Frances Fairfax use it. (Jane, by the way, is Chair of Tri-Ess's Board, and on IFGE's Board.) They are using the Bible to bring love into their hearts, love into their home, and to build bridges between people who are different. Which way is better, using the Bible to hate and destroy, or to love and build?

What about Reverend Phelps, the guy with the "God Hates Fags" sign? Here's someone who claims to be a Christian, yet publicly proclaims that he believes in a God that hates. Let's compare him to my friend, Sister Mary Elizabeth. (For those of you who may not know, Sister Mary is the fourth recipient of the Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution award, and the founder of the TerraNet BBS.) She believes in a God that loves. She has dedicated her life to that love, and to helping other human beings. Which is better, believing in a God that hates, or a God that loves?

What about the retiring Baptist? Here's a guy who not only is using God as a weapon to inflict fear, he has taken it upon himself to decide who God condemns. That's pretty arrogant! Compare him to Lee Frances, the editor of *Grace and Lace*. Lee is as devout a Christian as I have ever met, yet she doesn't use her faith to inflict fear. Instead, she uses it to reduce fear, and to help people find peace with their God. Which is better, arrogance and using God as a weapon, or using your faith to help people find peace with their faith?

What's the point of all this? The point is a challenge. Acknowledge that there are millions of wonderful people out there who are also Christian, and in danger of being recruited by the Religious Right. Do not judge them by the actions of an obnoxious few. Do not react to them with anger, or hate, or defiance. Instead, reach out to them with respect, and patience, and teach them.

Also, acknowledge that there are millions of wonderful people out there who are also gay, or transgendered, or transsexual. Many of them are members of our own community. Do not judge them by the actions of an obnoxious few. Do not react to them with intolerance, or discrimination, or with hate. Instead, reach out to them with respect, and with love.

I tell you this because there is turmoil in our own community, not just in America, but all over the world. Just ask Claudia, our friend from Germany. We have no hope of overcoming other people's bigotry if we can't overcome our own.

So, if you have intolerance or discrimination in your hearts, overcome it. Get active. If you can't get active, give money. Remember, they're well financed, and we're not.

If you can do this, the Religious Right will lose. There will be less hate, and less fear. And, we will live in a happier and safer world.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Mary Lynne White

GETTING REAL, or The Importance of Play

Most of us respond very positively to commercials having young children laughing and playing with puppies. The visual image of the child's aliveness, spontaneity and glee touches something deep within us that remembers those feelings. Toddlers and preschoolers act as wonderful role models for living life to its fullest. They're open and honest. They say exactly what is on their minds in clear simple terms. Subtleties and deceit are not concepts they understand. They are very REAL—totally in the present moment. Laughter comes easily and effortlessly. Young children run,

jump, skip, sing and dance—in short, they know how to have fun! How many of us have fun in our daily lives? For the few that may know how to have fun, how many experience it on a regular basis? This article deals with the importance of fun and play in our lives. What are some of the ways in which we can experience more fun in our lives without having to take a vacation? With the holiday season upon us, we have the perfect time frame for letting go of our seriousness, getting in touch with the child-like qualities that have always been with us.

A wise teacher once told me we have three cups in our lives. One represents work, one stands for education and the third for play. To lead a full, balanced life, he said, one strives to have all three of these cups filled equally. Upon hearing this, I had a mental image of my cups. The work-related cup was overflowing. The education cup was half-full. My play cup looked bone-dry! Giving myself permission to play and have fun was such a new concept—totally different from the work ethic I had vigorously pursued.

Through the years I have slowly learned ways to let go of some of my serious side, giving myself permission to have more fun. Whenever I take the time to do so, I'm not only happier and more relaxed, I also (surprisingly enough) manage to get all my 'work' done in a more relaxed manner.

Research studies have shown how laughter strengthens the immune system. Engaging in fun-filled activities that make us smile and feel good reduces the amount of stress we hold in our bodies. Reduced stress leads to fewer facial wrinkles and a longer life. So, why would anyone NOT want to set aside time on a regular basis for fun? When we allow ourselves to be in the moment and really enjoy what is happening, we don't hear the whispers of the ego or the inner parent we carry around in our minds that want us to stay serious, work, and 'be responsible.' Instead, we follow the innate desire within our hearts to become child-like once again.

Being child-like is not the same as being childish. Childish behavior consists of irresponsibility, selfishness, impatience, self-centeredness, immaturity, etc. There is an implied notion of not wanting to take responsibility for one's actions. On the other hand, becoming child-like is a decision to experience life in simple terms. We shed our mental layers of worry, fear, guilt, shame and judgment, allowing ourselves the freedom to be spontaneous and playful. If we feel like singing in the rain, we do it. If we want to go roller skating, we do it without regard for what people

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might think or how we might look. We don't worry about what other people think—we're too busy having FUN!!! I loved the scene in the movie *Heart and Souls* where Robert Downey, Jr. sang and danced on the sidewalk of the city. He wasn't thinking about anything else other than being totally in the present moment.

Did you know that joy is an innate right? Each one of us was born with the ability and capacity to experience joy to the fullest level. For too many of us, we seem to have forgotten this as a possibility for our lives. How many of us live our lives in quiet solitude and frustration, feeling isolated and alone, misunderstood or worse, ignored? How many times have we passed up an opportunity to do something that was fun because we didn't think we had the time, or didn't think it was proper, worrying what people might think? I think it's time to throw away the thoughts that keep us from experiencing a happier life. Unlike some folks, I don't think any of us are victims. We create our own reality by the thoughts we have. Whatever we focus on expands. In other words, if we carry with us a negative attitude that life is a bitch and then we die, we will have experiences come to us that support that philosophy. If we are sitting in the doldrums, feeling life's joy has passed us by, we have a choice. We could continue staying where we are because that's all we know and we don't know how to change, or we could decide to accept responsibility for our lives and begin making changes. Each one of us is Master of our own universe, regardless of how we are choosing to live! If we're powerful enough to bring misery and frustration into our lives, we're also powerful enough to bring in the exact opposite. It's all about CHOICE.

It's as if we're given a pair of sunglasses to wear when we're in grade school so all we can see is the serious, responsible side of life. Because we all want to be accepted and respected, we behave dutifully, doing what we're told to do. That is ALL we know! If we took the glasses off, we would be able to see a much broader perspective of the world at large. There's so much more out there to see and experience! We've been walking around with tunnel vision all these years!

Men who give themselves permission to experience their feminine sides and crossdress have already broken down some of these self-inflicted barriers. They have my utmost respect and support. Imagine the fun of trying on different wigs, different looks, clothes, colors, etc. It's fabulous and it's FUN!!!

Mariette Pathy Allen and I decided to have some fun with her camera and my clothes and wigs. Since we have several different personalities running around inside our minds, why not let some of them come out to play occasionally? The teenager looks different from the child and from the adult. Don't be afraid to experiment with a variety of looks. It's another way to broaden our perspective.

Dressing up is only one avenue for having fun. I know some 'girls' who take their dressing so seriously I've often wondered if they really enjoyed it. For those of you who may not be able to dress as often as you would like, I've developed the beginning of a list for lightening up our lives. I would love to hear what ideas you have that can be added to the list.

• Play List •

1. Go for a walk in the middle of the day.
2. Buy an ice-cream cone.
3. Take a bubble bath.
4. Dance in front of a mirror.
5. Buy a teddy bear.
6. Watch a funny movie.
7. Fly a kite.
8. Play with a young child.
9. Play jacks.
10. Play Simon Says.
11. Sing campfire songs.
12. Go dancing.
13. Wear a garter belt and stockings to work.
14. Finger paint.
15. Body paint.
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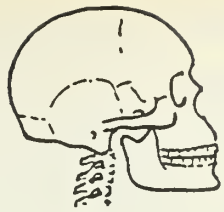

TRANSSEXUALITY: THE ISSUES BEHIND SEX AND GENDER

by Daniela Bruzzese

The way we are expected to behave in society, either as male or as female, is directly linked to our biological sex. This relationship dictates what is considered socially and legally acceptable. Gender is a term describing the nonphysiological parts of the sex roles taught by society. This social phenomenon is used as a way of controlling behavior, and castrating the biological male if he chooses to live his life in an acceptable manner as a female.

In this article, the powerful relationship between sex and gender will be discussed in an attempt to show how society, through social and legal means, is able to directly control the way its members live their lives. Transsexuality is a direct example of how a group of individuals can become victims of gender stereotyping and have to change their sex in an extreme attempt to be able to live life in an acceptable way.

The influence that gender has over the daily lives of people is strong because it is supported by the majority. Society, a conglomeration of social and legal bureaucracies, is a powerful patriarchal system that has dictated the role of men and women for centuries. The only real difference that makes the two sexes different is genitalia. Therefore, one can say that society has dictated the way men and women should act based on their genitalia. This makes one behavior acceptable over another. A man has a penis and must "behave like a man." Because a woman has a vagina, she *is* a woman, and must behave as women are expected to. The relationship and influence that sex has over gender (and vice versa in the case of transsexuals) is powerful and influential. If a person does not act according to what is between his/her legs, then he/she may be questioned or doubted that they are normal, healthy, or they may be classified as socially deviant. The assumption that these people are not healthy implies that gender (behaviors attached to physiological sex) is also biological, and it is unhealthy to have one without the other.

Society restricts the way we live our lives by laws and certain policies held by institutions. Genitalia, usually thought of as private parts hidden from where the world can see, are indirectly exposed through the use of laws and policies. Legal documents like driver's licenses and birth certificates all indirectly expose our genitals to where people can see. Simply stating F or M for female or male sets a whole range of expectations and allowances. These documents are used to prove what our biological sex is. It decides what prison we go to after committing a crime, and can decide whether or not we can use one public washroom over another. This is how we, as a society, separate the things that some people are allowed to do over others.

> Transsexuals. . . are a member of the opposite sex.

A person who goes against what is practiced as being a part of a certain sex is considered socially deviant. Such people include men who wear dresses, suggested as being women's apparel, or biological females who choose members of the opposite sex as partners. These are only two examples of a wide range based on sexual issues. There is a growing awareness today of people's rights as equal human beings, not just as men and women. The rise of the women's rights movement, and in the rights of homosexuals are examples of groups fighting for these rights.

Transsexuals, people who have an innate feeling that they not only belong as a member of the opposite sex, but *are* a member of the opposite sex, are another group seen as going against society's sexual morals, or norms. This group fights for legal rights to obtain the status of the sex of their choice, but are not a group fighting to break the barriers that the relationship between sex and gender created. Instead, they are victims of it, and are actually reenforcing it.

By converting, or "reassigning" their biological sex, they are not helping to break the implications of this relationship. They do not advocate on behalf of people being allowed to live the life they choose without having to operate, but instead remind us that there is a sexist society out there that doesn't accept them, and that in order to be accepted, we must conform to all the rules, norms and values that are said to be true. A transsexual knows that in order to live the life of his/her desired sex, he/she must actually *become* that sex surgically. Only then can he or she live his or her life in the gender they chose. The relationship here is not biological sex dictating gender behavior, but gender behavior dictating biological sex. By rejecting their genitals, transsexuals conform to what society has taught them is a real man or woman.

If a person feels a deep need to be the opposite sex and convert to it, then this should not sound so absurd to anyone in society. Instead, if the person *didn't* get a sex change, *then* it would be absurd and would be considered deviance. If a man wants to be a woman, then it should seem

healthy that he would conform to what we have a taught a woman to be, and not continue being a "man" (with male biological parts) and live the life of a woman (according to what we define are the social rituals of a female, dress, etc.). Logical as this seems, transsexuality, too, is frowned upon. The only way of possibly explaining this that it is assumed that the way we behave is biologically determined, and follows from our sex at birth. That sex and gender are "naturally" related, not socially. In *The Transsexual Empire*, Raymond states, "Masculinity and femininity are social and surgical constructs." Believing that gender is "naturally" constructed by virtue of birth, it is easy to deny that perhaps sexist societies are the real cause of gender-related problems, or gender dysphoria. It is much easier to blame these problems on "nature."

Based on this theory, one can say that due to the pressures of conformity, society is really the deviant actor in this gender game. Transsexuals, through means of individuality and self expression, should not *have to* get sex reassignment operations in order to live the life of the sex they feel a part of. Instead, they should be allowed to do so without getting castrated. They should be accepted as equal members of a society, without having to use this extreme to be accepted by a sexist majority.

Gender is a prominent factor in the life of a transsexual, before the operation, and after. In an interview with Norma, a fifty-six-year-old transsexual, she discusses how this played a role in her life, and how it changed, what gender meant to her before and after surgery.

Born a genetic male, Norma felt all her life that she was really a female and wanted to live her life according to what she thought made a real woman. She said that until she got the sex reassignment, she didn't feel like a whole or complete female; that a vagina would give her this wholeness.

For many transsexuals, as with Norma, there is a strong innate feeling that they belong to the opposite sex from the one they were born into. This cannot be explained by gender alone. The part of the person that feels a need to be the other sex is often explained using a medical model. Theory states that there is a chromosomal imbalance in the prenatal development, that the hormones released may be predominantly male or female, perhaps causing the individual to tend towards the opposite sex.

When Norma was a child, she enjoyed wearing women's clothing. She says, "Something was wrong inside me. From the age of ten I started wearing panties not boys' underclothes." That feeling of belonging was not caused by the panties. The cause, as suggested by doctors, is innate. The expression of these instincts is learned. Norma said that was conditioned to play with boys' toys, and she knew that the panties were a part of her sister's wardrobe, but wearing the panties made her feel good. They completed her role for her. She wore the panties because she knew that girls wore panties, not because she was conditioned to wear them.

Later, in her fifties, Norma decided to get the sex reassignment surgery. This procedure gave her the fulfillment she wanted and needed to live the life of a female. Now she was able to *be* a woman and be accepted as a woman because she was legally a woman. She could do the things that women did without being questioned. And if she was, she could prove her sex by using the documents that tell the world who we really are underneath. Along with the genital surgery, Norma also went through extensive and painful electrolysis to remove the hair from her face. She also went to image consultation sessions at an agency to help promote her image, and not raise any doubts.

Before the surgery, being able to live as a complete woman meant getting the sex reassignment surgery. She spent two years preparing for this through psychiatric examinations and daily crossdressing. After the surgery, being a complete woman meant being able to "promote the image"; convincingly and successfully being able to play the female role. AT each point, before and after the surgery, being a woman meant different things, depending on the barrier that was being presented. Her greatest barrier today is the expectations that are part of being a woman: the stereotypes. It is about learning how to be a socially constructed woman, now that she is surgically constructed.

At a time when genetic women are rejecting the stereotypes that keep them from the things that are more accessible to men, Norma is trying her best to conform to these very stereotypes. To a "constructed female," as Norma calls herself, being able to pass as a real female means *having* to conform to these stereotypes. To Norma now, these stereotypical images are what she feels she needs to complete her role. Along with these, she will eventually have to deal with the negative aspects of these stereotypes as well, such as sexual discrimination and harassment. Having been already exposed to some of this, Norma finds that she is finding her hatred towards men growing every day.

From a social perspective, Norma is exploring the life of a female by trying to conform to the traditional female roles and traditions. She is presently taking a secretarial course because she says that it is considered a good "female job." She is distraught, however, as she is not enjoying the course, nor does she think she is very good at it. She is depressed because she had felt this need to do a job that women were traditionally expected to do. Because women were taught to be secretaries, didn't that mean it was an innate talent that women had over men? This reenforces the idea that somewhere in history gender roles became naturally attached to sex. That who we are physically is naturally attached to the roles we play. Norma became a victim of this belief, and spent the last years of her trying to prove that this was so. She is disappointed to realize today, that this is not true at all. Being a social woman and being a biological

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It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

Etiology & A Practical Matter

The medical column for this issue is like the summer we have just experienced, short, hot and humid. I thought I would deal with two notable issues in a concise and precise way. So here we go!

The July 16th issue of *Science*, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, carries an article about genetic research and the investigation done by Dean Hammer and his associates on pedigree and linkage analysis in 114 families of homosexual men. The study needs to be repeated and needs confirmation by other workers, but despite the caution that is necessary, researchers familiar with this work say this study appears to have a very good chance of holding up because it avoids some of the methodological problems of earlier work.

To look for a possible homosexuality gene, Hammer and his colleagues took a two-step approach. First they recruited 76 homosexual men and traced out pedigrees for each, determining which other members of each family were themselves homosexual. They found 13.5% of the gay men's brothers to be homosexual, much higher than the rate of 2% or so that the Hammer group measured in the general population. Earlier studies have also found that brothers of homosexual men are more likely to be homosexual than are men in the general population.

When Hammer and his colleagues ventured outside the immediate family, they found something new. As they collected family histories, they found more gay relatives on the maternal side than on the paternal side. In particular, they found homosexuality to be significant more commonly among maternal uncles of gay men and among cousins who were sons of maternal aunts than it is among males in the general population. This implied that for some male homosexuals at least, the trait is passed through female members of the family and this in turn gave the researchers an obvious place to start looking for a homosexual gene, the X chromosome, the only chromosome inherited exclusively from the mother.

To search for such a gene, Hammer recruited 40 pairs of homosexual brothers, took DNA samples from each and performed a genetic linkage analysis using gene markers. On average, each pair of brothers will have about half the DNA on their X chromosomes, as well as on other chromosomes, in common. If both brothers are homosexual because they inherited a particular gene on the X chromosome, the gene must lie somewhere in the shared sections of the chromosome which can be identified by gene markers. Researchers examined many pairs of brothers looking for a stretch of DNA that all or most of them have in common. If such a stretch exists, then it probably contains the target gene.

Assuming that Hammer's linkage studies hold up as is to be expected, he will find himself with another difficult problem on his hands. Finding the male homosexuality gene that his data indicates is there won't be easy. There are probably several hundred genes in that region. The problem requires more families of homosexuals and studying with markers all of these individuals. In time, however, they will be able to zero in on the gene or genes that are responsible for the gay lifestyle. For if they can find that gene for sexual orientation, then there begins the long study of determining what that gene actually does.

You will remember that on several occasions in past articles, I have pointed out that I believe strongly there was a gene alteration responsible for both the transgendered as well as the gay population. With this kind of information, they are coming closer to us without doubt. Once this very important work is taken to its conclusion, I'm certain that there will be a look-see at the transgendered person and similar information will be forthcoming. There will be a lot of detractors and a lot of individuals offering strong argument, much of it rather foolish argument, to discredit this kind of work. Nonetheless, I believe that if it is necessary for some of us to know causation for why we

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are as we are, this is where it will be found.

The second topic may seem humorous—but it is not. Hair is a problem for certain individuals in the male-to-female or female-to-male community. If the scrotum is used as part of the penile flap that will be used to construct the neo-vagina, some postoperative transsexuals report a great deal of discomfort with the hair that may grow on this particular segment of the vagina, usually the back wall, and have brought this complaint to their operating surgeon. In a recent conference that I attended, some surgeons felt that this was a very real complaint, and warranted some measure of concern. Others felt that it was not a problem and even made the crude joke, I thought, that busy streets have no grass growing on them.

However, a few post-operative male-to-female have complained of a discomfort due to a peculiar circumstance. Those who have neovaginas made with scrotal skin are apt to experience a collection or bolus of hair which accumulates and lodges in the upper vagina. Hair shafts break and when so accumulated form into hair balls which in time, and/or with douching, may emerge from the vagina. It is frightening and even repulsive to these people. This another good reason to do something about hair growth in this area before reassigment surgery.

The problem can be equally notable for the female-to-male individual. In one of the techniques for the creation of the penis, when flesh from the forearm is used in the phalloplasty procedure, if there is a notable amount of hair on this surface, this will mean that in time, there will be hair over the surface of the newly created penis. This, of course, is not the way it is supposed to be, and some female-to-male individuals have complained of this occurrence as well.

No one seems to be paying attention to these complaints in the medical literature, and it occurs to me that two things could be considered.

For the female-to-male individual, electrolysis of the donor site should be considered strongly before that individual comes to surgery for the creation of a penis. Secondly, for the male-to-female, while external electrolysis certainly would not be a comfortable procedure in this region before surgery, it seems to me that the technique that has been described by several surgeons in Europe for destroying the hair bulb when the scrotal flap is developed would be appropriate. This can be done through a sharp dissection or through electrocautery. The technique is used for individuals who have very heavy beard growth on the under chin and neck surfaces of the face. It is a type of internal electrology technique and could be applied, I think, to the scrotum as well. Just a thought, and something that perhaps should be discussed with a surgeon.

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Norma made a statement near the end of the interview that said more than I think she knew. It sounded like a subconscious recognition of the negative relationship between sex and gender, perhaps that gender creations don't really make a man or a woman. "No matter how much of a female I try to be, I cannot have the feelings that you have I don't, I can't. I'm a cosmetic woman. I'm a changed male, basically that's all I am I don t have your parts. I don't have your womb. I don't have your female feelings; *your real inside* female feelings. I will never know those feelings. I'm superficial."

As much as Norma felt like a female, now, after the surgery, she realizes that there is more to being a woman than genitals and social behavior, that one should not reflect the other, and vice versa. So, what is being a woman? To Norma, being a complete woman involves the things that she could not receive from the operation, nor from her attempt to be secretary. To her, being complete means "having a womb" and "real female feelings." Norma is still struggling to fill this image as best she can. She is seeking help from agencies that will teach her what it is to be a woman in a social sense, how to talk, to walk, to sit, etc. And, she could continue to be taught by institutions that will tell her that being a woman means having to conform to traditional female roles, secretary, housewife She will most likely choose to ignore the institutions that tell her that a woman's role today has changed because being a real woman according to what she was raised to believe does not mean going out and doing jobs that traditionally belonged to men.

These sexist institutions are the same ones that castrated Norman (Norma's birth name). They are the same ones that told him that to be real female, and be accepted as a real female, he had to get rid of his genitalia and live a complete female life. These institutions will continue to teach her and countless others what being a female is all about.

Norma, like many others, is victimized by a sexist society. She is in no way helping to break the very chain that has dragged us through history, because she is so entangled by it. Instead of being given the chance to legally and socially live the life she desired, she was forced to convert into what we have been taught to believe makes the perfect woman, physically and socially.

Transsexuals are constant living reminders of the sexism so prevalent in our society today, and in the past. Although they should be praised because they help preserve the stereotypes that keep sexist societies alive and well, they are shunned and ostracized, and considered socially deviant. This is not because of their failure to conform, as it is with many other groups cast aside by society, but because society denies having been the cause of numerous castrations.

Legal Briefs

SUCCESS! 2nd Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy

by Tere Frederickson

photographs by Dee McKellar

The second annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) was held in Houston, Texas, August 26 through August 29, 1993. The conference was broad in scope, including issues pertinent to other special interest groups including those focused on women's issues and the lesbian-bi-gay community, and in fact a significant number of very key conference participants were from outside the transgender community. Working together, we are all empowered!

Ten legal project workshops focused on the key issues and began to develop strategies to challenge discrimination and establish legal rights for transgendered persons. The legal project workshops were: Intervention Law, Insurance Law, Health Law, Employment Law, Military Law, Imprisonment Law, Family Law, Personal Identification, Education in Transgender Issues, and the Gender Bill of Rights. The conference included speeches given by experts in various fields. Twelve hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education Credits were available including one hour of ethics—certified by the State Bar of Texas.

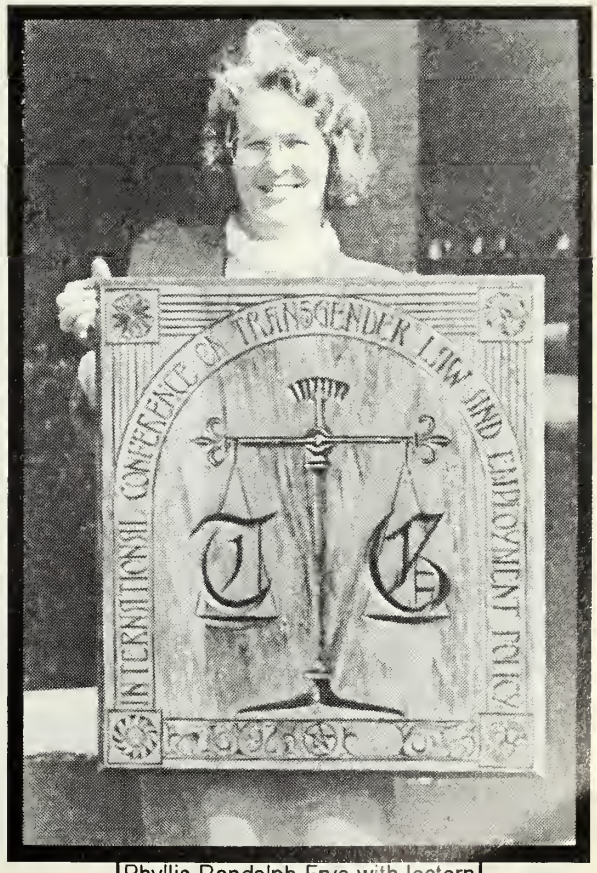
Phyllis Randolph Frye, Houston attorney and Executive Director of ICTLEP, Inc., opened the conference officially at the Thursday luncheon. She challenged attendees to thoroughly work through the issues and arrive at viable strategic solutions to achieve rights under the law.

Richard Aldeman, Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center made the opening keynote address. His speech focused on cultural intolerance of diversity rather than specific legal issues, for even if anti-discrimination laws are passed, cultural intolerance will still be prevalent. He used his own life experience as a Jewish boy being raised in an era when people were intolerant of Jews, drawing analogies to other cultural diversity. One of the more interesting points he made was that people easily assuage their consciences by rallying to acknowledge *historical* discriminations (such as the cultural destruction of native Americans), while not doing anything to help solve current discrimination. In other words, the trite phrase, "Some of my best friends are _____ (fill in the blank with your favorite minority group/suspect class)," is useless, wasted verbiage. If people really do believe in cultural diversity being the cornerstone of the United States of America, they must proactively fight to preserve and defend such diversity. We, the transgender nation must go out and educate; we must bring our issues to everyone publicly.

Speaking following dinner Thursday evening at the Courthouse Club was Marshall A. Shelsy, Staff Counsel to the fourteen Harris County Criminal Courts at Law. His focus for thought was on the ethical considerations of disclosure, both as a transgendered attorney and as a transgendered client. Threaded throughout the speech was the theme of woeful lack of education and understanding of transgender issues in the legal profession. Marshall also added the concept of working with the lesbian-bi-gay community toward common goals of legal rights. "Don't wait for the train to leave the station—jump on board."

Prior to Shelsy's speech, Annese Parker talked briefly about transgendered persons seeking acceptance within the lesbian-bi-gay community. "Give us time to think things through, and we will help provide the support you need." Through experience, Annese learned that she no longer thought of transgendered persons as *transgendered persons*, but simply as people. The fact of genetic sex and gender role/ identity incongruence was no longer an issue.

The Honorable Alice Oliver-Parrot, Chief Justice, First Judicial District, Texas was the featured speaker for Friday's luncheon. Her speech centered on the evolution of law, primarily through case law of



Phyllis Randolph Frye with lectern plaque made by Sidney Clarke

The hotel marquee for all to see- adverse reaction was zero!

appellate courts. She advocated working the issues through the courts and in so doing, not only establishing a just law, but bringing about evolution in the body of law. Using constitutional arguments were emphasized, particularly in Texas where the state constitution is much broader than the federal constitution. Judge Oliver-Parrot also emphasized the need to educate law makers, both within the judicial and the legislative systems.

Texas State Representative Debra Danburg briefly discussed legislative initiatives prior to Judge Oliver-Parrot's speech. Representative Danburg is a proactive supporter of transgender issues, and also women's and lesbian-bi-gay community issues.

After the evening dinner on Friday, three speakers discussed key issues. Daniel Shea, Houston attorney, covered the duty to disclose. His rationale was based on what he termed civil ethic. Shea's speech, however, ranged far afield to responsibilities of humans as creatures within an ecosystem and rights to self-determination.

Tish Frederick, a recent graduate of the University of Houston Law Center and winner of the Phyllis Randolph Frye Endowed Law Student Writing Competition, presented her winning paper on eugenics and impacts on minority groups. Her paper tied scientific genetic research into questions of morality and law. She demonstrated political misuse of science by government to provide rationale for destruction of cultural diversity.

Transgender Liberation: A Movement Whose Time Has Come, both the title of Leslie Feinburg's book and the topic of his speech capped the evening. Although Leslie dislikes labels, he was born genetically female and is proud to be simply a transgendered person. Leslie's life is a long history of not only class struggle, but he was an early activist in the lesbian-bi-gay fight against bigotry and is presently a transgender rights activist. His speech centered on the natural qualities of transgender behavior and he asserted that present Judeo-Christian capitalistic cultural values result in discriminatory practices toward transgendered persons—a by-product of social class structure. Leslie pointed out that in communal societies, transgender behavior is not only accepted but valued. His rationale centered on equal sharing of work and products of labor, making all persons in the society valued and needed for the communal good.

Saturday's luncheon speaker was the Honorable Joe Kegans, Judge, 230th Court, Houston, Texas. She focused her brief talk on coming out and the fact that professional competency is the bottom line in maintaining employment.

The final two conference speeches were given at the Saturday evening dinner. Jim Sacher, attorney, covered Equal Employment Opportunity Commission policy and philosophy. Surprisingly, Sacher conveyed EEOC support of obvious, documented cases of discrimination against transgendered persons despite transgendered persons not being specifically protected by legislative verbiage. Of course, local EEOC office assistance is largely dependent on the beliefs of the staff.

Leslie Feinberg addresses Conference

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Electrology

by Linda DeFruscio, RE,RI

How To Care For Your Skin During Electrolysis

Scarring (keloidosis) is a sign of too much: too much work being done to remove each hair, too much treatment in a week, or too much hair being removed from too small an area. The cure for too much is less: less voltage, less time for treatment per week or spreading the work out to distribute the trauma less densely over the face.

Hyper-pigmentation is a darkened area of skin. The reasons you may be experiencing hyper-pigmentation could be caused by sun damage, acne, extraction of comedones (blackheads) or milia (whiteheads), plain old picking or skin damage like cuts, scrapes or overuse of abrasive skin care products. Skin that has been treated with electrolysis is especially susceptible to hyper-pigmentation from ultraviolet rays.

You can protect against this by using a broad-spectrum high SPF waterproof sunblock cream. Use this whenever you plan to be in the sun, winter or summer. It should be applied liberally thirty minutes before sun exposure, and applied hourly when in direct sunlight. Don't forget that sun-damage can occur through clothing. One of the best ways to cause both hyper-pigmentation and scarring is by trying to remove ingrown hairs. Leave that exercise to your practitioner, please!
[Editor's Note: Stay out of the sun after treatment.]

During an electrolysis treatment, the redness and swelling on the patient's face are signs of over-treatment. No area should be treated again until all swelling, discoloration and scabbing have cleared. If you observe persistent irritation, ask your electrologist to spread out the area of treatment or to spend less time working in any one area.

After treatment, it is normal to experience redness lasting from a half-hour to many hours. The coarser the hair being treated, the more irritated the follicle becomes, and the redder the surrounding skin. In patients with particularly sensitive skin, the redness may last the rest of the day. This can be reduced by applying ice packs IMMEDIATELY after treatment, the sooner the better. There are cosmetics available that provide a discreet cover while the redness lasts.

Different people's skin heals differently. Some beards can only handle one or two hours of treatment per week, others can handle five or six. Lighter skin tends to be more sensitive. Darker skin may tend to pigmentate more if you are not careful with after treatment care. You should learn how your skin responds to treatment so you and your electrologist can treat it appropriately.

To promote healing, I recommend that patients use salt water rinses after treatment. They are very good for preventing comedones and pustules. Salt serves as a catalyst to healing and soothes the skin. Make a solution of a teaspoon of salt in an inch or two of water in a tumbler. Apply it with a cloth or a Handi-Wipe. Do not use paper towels as they can damage the skin. Soak the cloth or towel in the solution and apply to the treated area for two to five minutes. Salt two times a day for two days after treatment.

For the face: It is helpful to exfoliate the skin daily. Removing the dead skin cells promotes the growth of new skin cells. I recommend using an exfoliating skin cleanser like an acne scrub that contains 2.5% benzoyl peroxide. If you are allergic to benzoyl peroxide, switch to silica scrubs. *It is important not to use harsh walnut scrubs on your face*, they may microscopically tear skin.

Polyethylene beads are available in benzoyl peroxide 2% pumice acne scrub. This is a highly effective medicated cleanser for treatment of acne, razor bumps and rough skin on body and face.

Silica strawberry scrub is a gentle botanical facial scrub containing polyethylene granules and silica to help exfoliate dead skin cells and

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allow active treatment products to penetrate better.

If you have sensitive skin, do no use any scrub immediately after treatment. Wait until the irritation has healed. Refer back to issue #64 *Tapestry* (Alpha Hydroxy Acid).

Applications of Alpha Hydroxy Acid twice daily will help to reduce hyperkeratosis (buildup of dead skin cells) by diminishing the "glue" that seems to cause skin cells to stick together AHA is formulated in cleansers, tonics, moisturizers (face and body) and shampoos and conditioners (scalp disorders).

For the body: Gentle use of a loofah also helps to exfoliate the skin. before using a new loofah, pre-soften it by soaking it in hot water. When exfoliating, use a good liquid anti-bacterial cleanser, not a detergent. Scrub gently with small circular motions. Rinse thoroughly with warm water to remove all residue. I don't recommend using Buff-Puffs. They are harsher than a loofah and can irritate the skin.

It is important to keep the skin very clean after treatment, especially for the first 24-hours. Do not be afraid to wash thoroughly, preferably with a creamy rinsable liquid cleanser. Do not use bar soap. The fatty acids used to solidify bar soaps tend to clog the pores.

I highly recommend Peter Thomas Roth (new professional line), Doctor's Dermatologics, and Prescription Plus (not to be confused with Prescriptives products). Unfortunately, all of these products mentioned are only available through licensed estheticians (skin-care professionals) and physicians. You do not need a prescription for them. However, the esthetics market is flooded with a variety of products for all skin types and color.

Following treatment you should apply one of the following: a medicated make-up specially formulated for post-electrolysis use, pure aloe ointment or a hydrocortisone cream. Hydro-cortisone is an anti-inflammatory and helps to control irritation.

Integrate your electrolysis with a total facial care program. Electrolysis makes your face more vulnerable to the ravages of life.

HOME CARE FOLLOWING TREATMENT

Cleanse face and rinse well. Apply warm salt and water soak.

Apply *one* of the following medications according to skin type. Use two times a day for three days.

- Hydrocortisone 1% cream
- Pure aloe-extract
- Post healing balm
- Hydrogen peroxide gel
- Medicated facial make-up

These medications promote healing, reduces irritation and protects the skin as it heals.

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FABULOUS FORMULAS FOR SUN-DAMAGED SKIN

Professional Products	*Benefits*
Cleanse:	
Foaming Face Wash	Leaves no residue. Excellent for removing makeup.
Sensitive skin cleansing	Sudsy cleanser ideal for dry skin and mature individuals. No tightness or dehydration.
Mask:	
Hydrating nutrient mask	Adds moisture-building factors and antioxidants to dry, dehydrated and sensitive mature skin.
Moisturize:	
Morning	
Environmental repair moisture gel with micellized vitamins A & E	Super hydrator (moisture) and antioxidant for environmentally damaged skin. For all skin types.
Glycolic acid 3% eye complex	Intensive repair and hydration for aging and sun-damaged skin.
Evening	
Glycolic acid 8% night repair	Nighttime skin repair for dry, mature and sun-damaged skin with micellized vitamins A and E as anti-oxidants.
Post healing balm - micellized Vitamin E	Good for itching, flaking, tightness, following a facial peel, dermatitis, psoriasis, insect bites, poison ivy, eczema and allergic reactions of any kind.
Waterproof sunblock SPF #30 - micellized Vitamins A nd E	This non-comedogenic (not clogging) water-proof, oil-free sunblock is designed to protect the skin from damaging effects of ultraviolet light. Continued use may reduce risk of skin cancer, discoloration, sun-damage and pre-mature aging. This product is recommended for persons who are photo-sensitive dueto medications, such as Retin-A.

Micellized Vitamin A is a delivery system in which the key is particle size: the smaller the particle size, the better the absorption. With superior absorption, we can count on enhanced results. Micellized Vitamin A is much like Accutane except it is not as toxic. It is safer, non-toxic, absorbs better and can help to achieve similar results as Accutane or Retin A (retinoic acid) without negative side effects.

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Ron Garet, Professor of Law, University of California Law Center, closed the conference with a thought-provoking keynote address on the topic of "self-transformability." Also having a degree in religious studies, Ron tied Old Testament references in Genesis concerning creation and transformability of humans (the ability to transform environment and self) to present law and social structure. His fundamental tenet is that humans are not immutable, but transformable. Transgendered persons are the testament to his theory of self-transformability.

The following are brief summaries of the ten conference workshops:

Personal Identification,
Sister Mary Elizabeth, SSE, Moderator. Determination: Policies and procedures concerning identification and records are grossly non-standardized and sometimes applied differently in the same government agency. Project

Sister Mary Elizabeth, Phyllis Frye & Marion Beddill at Personal ID Report

tasking: Survey all applicable state and federal agencies on policies and procedures for personal identifications, including but not limited to birth certificates and driver's licenses. Determine best policies and develop models to be provided to government agencies for policy revision and standardized procedure application.

Education in Transgender Issues, Sharon J. Kahn, Attorney, Moderator. Determination: Ignorance of transgendered behavior is prevalent and influenced by inaccurate negative sex/ gender stereotypes. Recommendation: Continue educational initiatives, targeting the transgender community, professionals (e.g., health care and legal), and public-at-large. Work to form college and university associations. Place heightened emphasis on "coming out."

Intervention Law,
Keith K. Stewart, Attorney, Moderator. Determination: Transgender community not as actively involved in political process as they should be. Recommendation: Develop more organized networks to work political issues using both traditional and non-traditional methods. Join with lesbian-bi-gay community

Saturday Evening Banquet in Atrium

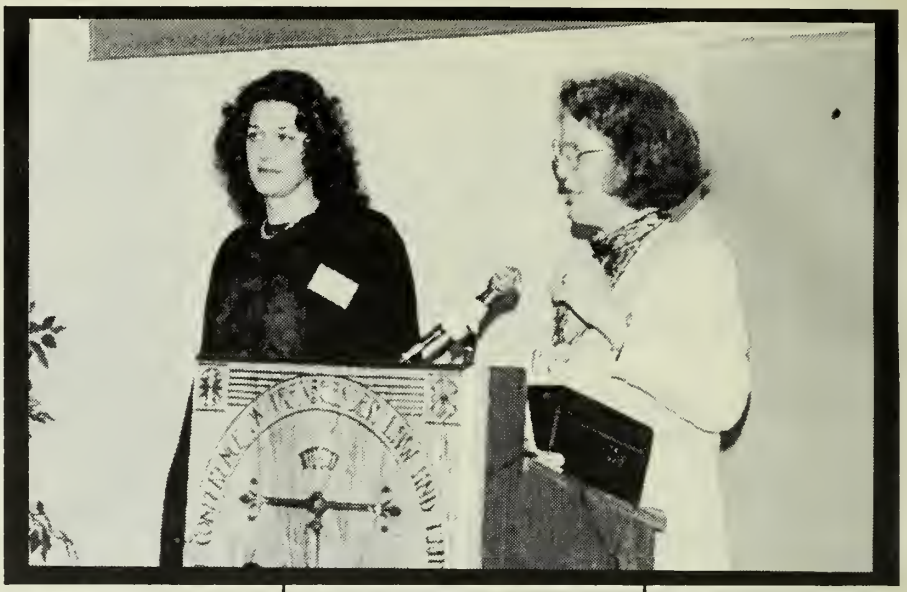
in goal-oriented political actions.

Military Law,
Sharon Ann Stuart, Attorney, Moderator. Determination: No change in discriminatory problems noted in 1992 ICTLEP. Reported on progress in the military law survey and data gathering. Eighteen discriminatory cases investigated. Action: Continue data gathering and individual assistance.

Employment Law and Policy,
Laura E. Skaer, Attorney, Moderator. Determination: 1992 ICTLEP project of Employer's Guide completed and successful. Co-worker's guide in final stage, estimated distribution in three months. Recommendations: All transgendered persons must

Sharon Ann Stuart speaks on Miltary Law

be willing to accommodate valid and reasonable needs of the employer, just as the employer must be willing to accommodate valid and reasonable needs of the transgendered employee. Continue initiatives to educate employers and co-workers. Establish networks with other suspect classes to share and build on each other's work. Ensure transgendered persons are included in broad state and federal civil rights legislation—proactive lobbying and tier off Minnesota civil rights state statute concerning inclusion of transgendered persons.



Martine Rothblatt moderates Health Report with Phyllis Frye

Gender Bill of Rights,
Sharon Ann Stuart, Attorney, Moderator. Determination: No document exists which addresses or defines human rights

of transgendered persons. Action: The International Bill of Gender Rights drafted and approved by the ICTLEP Board of Directors. Document to be circulated and inputs considered at 1994 ICTLEP. The intent is to make this important document a living document, changing as necessary. Cautions stated to keep the document broad in scope and simple in construction.

Imprisonment Law,
Raymond W. Hill, "Citizen Provocateur," Moderator. Determination: Transgendered persons generally not prepared for possibility of imprisonment. Recommendation: Disseminate information on process from arrest to imprisonment, placing emphasis on earliest possible bailment. Survey state and federal law enforcement agencies on policies and procedures regarding transgendered persons, and form models for proper incarceration care to be distributed to all law enforcement and correctional facilities.

Family Law,
Connie Moore, Attorney, Moderator. Determinations: Gender specific terms prevalent in family law based on dominant heterosexual family (male/ female paradigm) cultural model. Federal government investigating a national driver's license (subject arose during name change discussion which falls under family law). Recommendations: Begin political action to delete gender specific verbiage from family law statutes under federal constitutional argument. Demand accountability of courts to follow rules or suffer appellate reversal. Use arguments in litigation used by lesbian-bi-gay case precedents. Remove gender designation on driver's licenses (identification). Project: Investigate federal driver's license initiative, determine effects, and initiate lobbying actions on issues of concern. Prime concerns are gender on identification and past names listed.

Health Law,
Martine A. Rothblatt, Attorney, Moderator. Determination: Draft

Laura Skaer on Employment Law

report on transsexual and transgender health law provided to conference. Positive laws of other countries introduced as models. Action: Refine and present for adoption proposed "Health Law Standards of Care for Transsexualism."

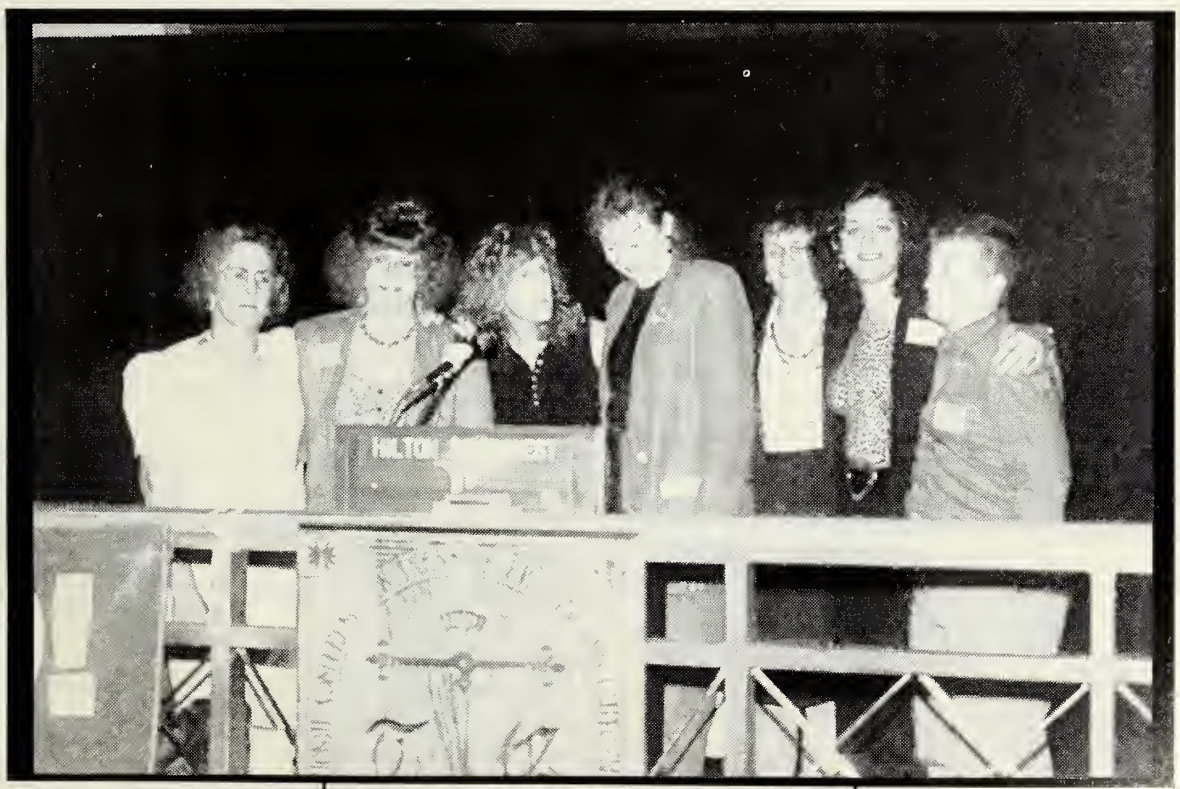
Insurance Law,
James R. Kuhn, Attorney, Moderator. Determination: Little to no insurance coverage for health care; most insurance carriers excluding coverage for transsexual therapy based on "cosmetic" or "experimental" exclusions. Recommendations: Tier off health law determinations that transsexual therapy is not "cosmetic" but a necessary requirement for life. Interim solutions include use of other medical arguments of valid congenital conditions of genitalia to mandate insurance coverage.

The second International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy was a tremendous coming together event, allowing the transgender community to celebrate its diversity and to share thoughts with our sisters and brothers from outside the transgender community as well. The conference was a very intense three days of non-stop work.

Although all ten project workshops were highly productive in arriving at solutions, one of the more exciting documents to result from this conference was **The International Bill of Gender Rights**. It is a very broadly worded document based on the fundamental right of self-determination. The bill demands rights that, while addressing transgender issues and concerns, are broad enough to include many other special interest group issues. Included in the bill is the right to self determine body alteration (this includes issues such as mandatory female circumcision in Sudan), the right to chose sexual partners without regard to genetic sex or gender, the right to establish marriage without regard to genetic sex or gender, and the right to establish a family without regard to genetic sex or gender. The document not only informs, but demands legal and social change.

It is the determined intent of ICTLEP to present **The International Bill of Gender Rights** to the United Nations for world-wide adoption within the near future. To this end, the transgender (and gender) liberation movement needs the assistance and support of all human rights groups and advocates.

BE THERE IN 1994!



Participants who were at this year's March On Washington:Frye, Stuart, Susan Stryber, Cook, Karen Kerin, Rothblatt and Feinburg

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SADNESS AND HOPE

To the Editor:

It seems there is an undercurrent of despair in the gender community these days. I have met more than a few cross-dressers who have either lost their wives or partners over the cross-dressing issue, or who are reluctant to approach their loved ones on the subject for fear of being rejected. I have read articles about crossdressers who were taken to the cleaners by vindictive ex-wives and lawyers, and I have read an article by a crossdresser who, after taking some prescribed medication, rejoiced in the fact that he was "cured" thereby cementing a more positive relationship with his unaccepting wife. He has not crossdressed in months and feels "relieved."

My heart goes out to all these individuals. I, like many significant others, knew very little about crossdressing when my husband first told me, but I decided that education was the key and obtained books on gender from as many sources as possible. I came to the conclusion, like many, that crossdressing as well as transsexualism, homosexuality, bisexuality, and heterosexuality for that matter, are biological—conditions determined well before birth. Reading *Brain Sex* by Anne Moir and David Jessel only helped to reaffirm these conclusions.

It is clear that "society" on all levels needs to be educated. Since it is hardly fair to condemn someone for being short, it is equally unfair to blame someone for their alternate lifestyle. The gender community is a place to start. We all know there are individuals who purge in the hopes that this time will effect a "cure." There are many "reluctant crossdressers" who believe that somehow they are sinning and feel guilt and anxiety over their desire to crossdress. There are untold numbers who, having unaccepting family members continue to feel shame and despair.

It is time for all of us to learn. Whether women have masculine traits or men have feminine characteristics is determined by the genetic mix of hormones and wiring of the brain. It seems obvious that with the complexity of the biological mix, we are bound to have cases other than the norm. It becomes a question of not that there are transsexuals, homosexuals, and bisexuals in the world, but that there are not more. Even, reluctantly, we must accept the redneck macho male and the dumb blonde as biological entities as well. Tolerance must be extended in all directions as much as we may fear that.

If, within our own community, we can rid ourselves of the guilt and shame put upon us by an unaccepting and UNEDUCATED society, we can then extend our knowledge to society at large. We must eradicate the fallacies that sexual and genetic preferences are choices. We must educate ourselves and others that to condemn someone because of his lifestyle is akin to condemning someone because he is brown-eyed. In that way lies hope.

Sincerely,

Julie Freeman

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NOW IS THE HOUR

To the Editor:

In the past few issues I have noticed the topic of Coming Together. There is an urge to be pessimistic, but pessimism is what has kept me in fear doubt and the closet for twenty-five years.

I am tired. I am tired of hiding, and I am tired of fighting both myself and those who do not wish to hear. I do not choose to label myself—the general society seems to enjoy doing that themselves. Am I a TV, a TS, a CD? Does it really matter? What is the purpose of this labeling process? Is it simply for the purpose of offering a stereotyped group for an individual to identify with? If this is the case, then leave me out. In actuality, this labeling process does nothing but offer an old militant concept of divide and conquer. The tragedy is that we do it to ourselves.

In reviewing the inevitable possibilities, is the enemy a who or is the enemy a what? Under what banner

will we fight? Is it the Gender Community and Associates? Who are WE? Is the gender community really a community? The ultimate question is, "How many members would stand up and let themselves be known to all—or would they remain seated for fear of losing a comfortable life in the normal world?"

We live in a world possessed with bigotry and ignorance, which has lasted for centuries. In this day and age, everyone is crying for the equal rights that were supposedly granted to everyone. It is not just a black-white, women-men, gay-straight, or gendered-nongendered issue. Is the gender community going to fight for its right to be special, or would it be more effective if we fought for equal rights for everyone? Surely the gay march on Washington is a calling card to join and fight for the same cause. I see very little to lose, and so very much to gain.

Sincerely,

Rachel Harding

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DIVERSITY

To the Editor:

On Thursday, August 26, the Lambda Report Colorado's Gay TV aired a panel discussion with several spokespersons from various gay and lesbian organizations. The subject was, Is the gay and lesbian community really a community? The conversation led to questions of who do we want to include in the community, and does the gay & lesbian community want to be a community at all?

The speakers from the GLCCC and Ground Zero spoke of a unified community with inclusion of all subgroups. That all the gay & lesbian people, subgroups and organizations play an important part in society and the gay and lesbian rights movement. That all groups and backgrounds of the gay and lesbian people belong together and do have a sense of community. That lines should not be drawn separating the community.

The speakers from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Boycott Colorado seemed to have just the opposite opinion. The Boycott Colorado speaker said we should not be a community because that puts us all in one basket and makes us vulnerable. The Task Force speaker said she was lesbian and didn't want gay men included into her group. Both these speakers seemed to think there is nothing wrong with drawing lines to separate the groups. That we are not a community and should not become one.

Recently I have observed the birth of more gay & lesbian subgroups than I though could possibly exist. Lately the gay & lesbian community is busy drawing lines of separation within their community. Many different groups seem to have growing intolerance for others. Some of us are getting tired of trying to sweep away the lines. *The broom handle is getting cracked, and soon may break.*

The black community can accept all of us. The words spoken at the equal rights march on Washington really made me feel good. The Pagan has also showed me they don't care what I am, but who I am. Why is it that they can accept all of us as a community, as fellow human beings, and we can't accept ourselves? WHY?

It was mentioned that diversity now means queer. Diversity is not just gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people. Diversity is the people of this earth, the people of every size and shape and color. Those who express their inner self as an individual. I see that we all have two choices. We can share the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, and cherish the diversity of our people; or we can continue our present path of segregation, a path of becoming bigots.

Sincerely,

C. Hopping

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DSM

To the Editor:

I read with interest the dialogue the newest tool in the psycho world's tool box, the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV*. It must be remembered that the *DSM* is just that, a tool. I use it frequently as I am a graduate student in a Clinical Psychology program. The primary learning I am getting from my rigorous training is that each patient is a unique individual, singular in their history, weaknesses and strengths, environment and mental makeup. It is with this uniqueness in mind that all therapy must be undertaken.

There exists a notion that transvestism is a malady to be treated. I believe, however, that the malady to be treated is what the crossdressing precipitates: guilt, shame, hypertension, marital problems, etc. I believe that in the near future the diagnosis of transvestic fetishism will go the way homosexuality as a mental illness. We should be aware of but not concerned about the revision of the *DSM* as it serves only as a guideline for treatment.

The single area in which we should be truly concerned is in what an institution does with the *DSM*. Most of us have medical insurance, and those carriers are very outcome oriented. Recently they have moved more closely to time-limited therapy. Combine that with a need to see and analyze the efficacy of the therapy modality, and the result is an assembly line mental health system. An intake interviewer reads your questionnaire and determines where in the *DSM* you fit, then you

are assigned a counselor for a series of predetermined length in order to make you functional again. Sometimes this works, most times it does not.

Our concern in the field should be twofold. First we need a diagnostic guideline that looks not at the symptom but a t the cause. A therapist who looks beyond and around *DSM* and into the soul of the unique individual client is such a person. Second, we need to look at a health system that tries to treat everyone the same. In practice there is no substitute for the personal touch.

Like most of you, I am anxiously awaiting the fourth edition of the *DSM* and hoping it will look more like its international counterpart.

Sincerely,

Stacy

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RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

To the Editor:

I watched a discussion on religious intolerance on a recent Jane Whitney show. I listened carefully as each speaker stated his views. Father Peters' ignorant and extremely intolerant statements further deepened my disillusion with organized religion.

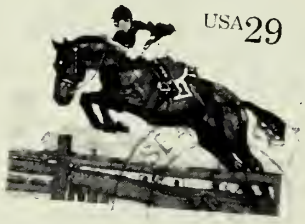
I am appalled that some people can be so intolerant and invoke God's name to justify it.

It bothers me that this society of ours can talk about how we should be the best we can be, but the church doesn't want womwen to be ordained or to function as priests.

I am hoping that we, the transgendered community will triple our efforts to defeat intolerance in America.

Sincerely,

Vanessa L.



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GERALDO

To the Editor:

I obtained your address while watching the Geraldo show. The program dealt with gender identity, specifically transgender identification, or crossdressing. I founf the differences between the three individuals presented on the program quite startling. I thought that I was reasonably well informed on the subject. I have done some reading on the subject since I have a brother who is transgendered and has a predisposition for wearing women's clothes. My parents have always tried to ignore this, but I have always tried to understand. I have, however, always felt that much of what I have read treated this as a sickness or a psychological abnormality. I have always preferred to believe that it is simply another degree of normal. My brother is a kind, gentle man, and a loving husband and father.

Sincerely,

J.B.

OPENING UP

To the Editor:

I have spent the last week reading all of *Tapestry*. Some of the articles make me mad, some of them made me sad. This is my first touch with the TV community.

I would like to share with you readers why I am coming out of my closet at age 50. I read *Brain Sex* by Ann Moir. It explains the differences between men and women, making relations easier for all.

It helped me understand why I am a TV: my mother had hormone problems during pregnancy, so my wiring is partially both sexes. As I see it, we are a natural product with fifty percent more ways to express our choices of what we feel than the people who are not as lucky as we are.

Most of us seem to get caught in a why me. As in all things in life there is a price to be paid. You don't get a Rolls Royce when you make payments on a Ford. From my experience we have been spared total male aggression that might makes right, and the totally feminine aspect of raising kids, cooking and letting the world go by.

Without our notice we have been made outcasts from both these worlds. For me it shows up in how I deal with people. In the male role I come up with solutions that other men don't think of because my solution takes in more of the human factor. I tend to know who can do what in a given situation and will go to that person even if I don't like him.

I am confused by a number of male-bodied girls having problems understanding why their wives don't want them to go too far in their expression. If my wife came home and told me that she was going to the hospital and coming back as a man, I would throw her out then and there. I am not a homosexual. In essence we are expecting our wives to turn into lesbians. Would you turn gay to keep your wife? Let's get real.

Sincerely,

Shannon

HOW IT IS

To the Editor:

Thank you so much for the information! I waited on tip-toes all last week since my initial phone call to you.

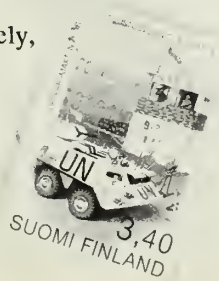
Funny, but I feel kind of effeminate writing you, and it feels nice. It's good to have an outlet. Sometimes I don't know which way to turn. Sometimes I am sure I'm destined to be a woman, and I start chanting, "I am woman, hear me ROAR!" Other times I just watn to be the guy in the movies who is normal and gets the girl.

If I just liked guys I'd be okay. Sometimes I can picture myself with a guy, but strictly speaking, I'd be revolted with myself. I did have a quasi-romance with a guy on Prodigy, but that was because I couldn't hear his voice, only see his words and he was treating me as a female. When he got on the phone I was at first intrigued. By the second call I wished he didn't have my number. Actually he treated me badly, calling me names, but I took it because he was treating as a woman. I think I can understand a little now how some women can stay with jerk men.

Thanks again for the information.

Sincerely,

D.C.



A QUESTION OF BALANCE

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article by Donna Mobley in issue #65, "A Question of Balance." It's a shame to hear of people within our community behaving in a divisive manner by presuming themselves superior by virtue of some personal characteristic. We have much to give each other, and much capacity for understanding. I hope that those who are currently regarding others who are different from themselves as somehow inferior, will wake up to the fact that what they are doing is preciselywhat is being done to them that they object to. In other words, they are doing it themselves.

Unfortunately Donna's article seemed more of a return volley than a peace-making effort. I write this not to correct Donna or those she criticizes, but rather to reach out to the innocents who might tend to believe what Donna has written and be diverted from their personal course to self-realization.

The truth is, there are happy people who are TS, TG, TV, and everything else under the sun. No one of these categories can claim to be more likelu productive of true happiness than any other.

I hope that all who read Donna's undoubtedly well-intentioned piece will realize that this reflection of personal experience may bear no relevance to their own path. It is a caution for those who might act without sufficient consideration. But, I can say from personal experience that , given a sufficiently prudent approach, the transsexual path can be extremely satisfying, and need not adversely affect one's career. Quite the contrary can occur when the energy previously tied up in unending self-recrimination and restraint are released to positive pursuit. I don't claim this is an exclusive benefit to the transsexual; I believe that this benefit may be derived by anyone who is investing energy in a process of denial.

Sincerely,

N.R.

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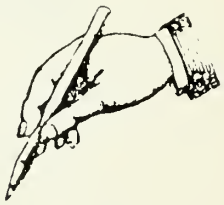


Life

This life is yours.

Take the power to choose what you want to do and do it well.

Take the power to love what you want in life and love it honestly.

Take the power to walk in the forest and be a part of nature.

Take the power to control your own life.

No one else can do it for you.

Take the power to make your life happy.

(Reprinted from *Sweetheart's Connection*,
Linda Peacock, Director, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314.)

They tell me that the sun rises in the morning. But I do not believe them. For I have never felt the suns warm rays resting gently on my bosom. They say that softness comes from within, but when I'm softest my hardness pierces my skin. They tell me that a lady should be cuddled and held and made love to, but for me they say, this is a sin. They scream at the top of their lungs, be yourself, for to only you, can you be true. And then they make jokes and threats and intimidations to the one true you. To every cloud there is a silver lining, it has been said, but before my clouds end I will be dead.

Ah to wake a feminine creature, to roll in blissful happiness, to flash a truthful smile, to walk a happy mile. To be whole and complete to live the impossible dreamn, to breathe clean, fresh air, these I do not dare.

Nobody touches my sandpaper skin with its moss growing to no end, who would want to. No mirror reflects my grotesque shape, for I do not look. Nobody sees through my bulletproof mask, no feelings are let in, none go out.

There is a saying that every man was put on earth condemned to die, I was put on earth condemned to be a man.

There are worse things than death.

Patricia M. W.

Transport

This is the cross to bare, the cross of gender,
the naked natal navel peeking from the bottom of a
bare midriff. Embrace your very own second sex.
To start off with, do you start with undergarments:
scanty panties and a black, silk bra. Do you start
with a frosted wig and clip-on earrings, mother's
nightgown or her string of pearls. Do you start
with a stick of lipstick. When are you done?

Feminine spans the gamut, submissive to brassy,
endless roles all running down the street. Nothing
arouses like the chase, so flee. The garter
and chastity belts alike make marks in flesh.
This is the female self. Married. Wife understanding.
In search of same. In search of friends, admirers,
fans, subjects. Serious only. Please reply.

The end: A split personality that's no clinical sickness,
Double trouble that's twice the fun.
A transformation is a wig.

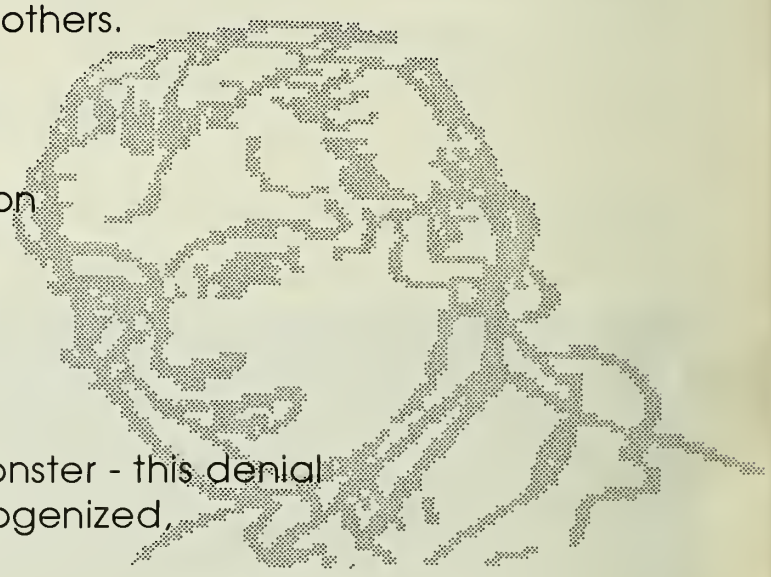
In your room? Door shut. Shades drawn. Awaiting
an only imagined date. Onstage? All aglitter.
A celebration of surface and possibility.
In a mall? With your heels clicking out: passing,
passing, passing. When are you finished.
The end of the day finds the polish removed,
cold cream, a shot of vodka on the side as wipe,
wipe, untape yourself, your shriveled self,
and fuzzily ponder why. Why the razor, the tweezers,
the scalpel, the jaw line that won't go away,
and the smell of invisible flowers. Bottled. Why not.

I like to dance. I like to be wined and dined. I love
illusion. Mine the imitation diamonds. Mine the heart
of gold. Everything clean, hard, shiny, flawless,
except these ever chipping nails. This curve is not
a cushion. Breasts are man made oft as not too solid
orbs, two silicone baseballs. Kick, one, two, three.
Kick one two. Life goes on. Show your padded fanny.

CAN ONE PERSON'S SELF-DENIAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

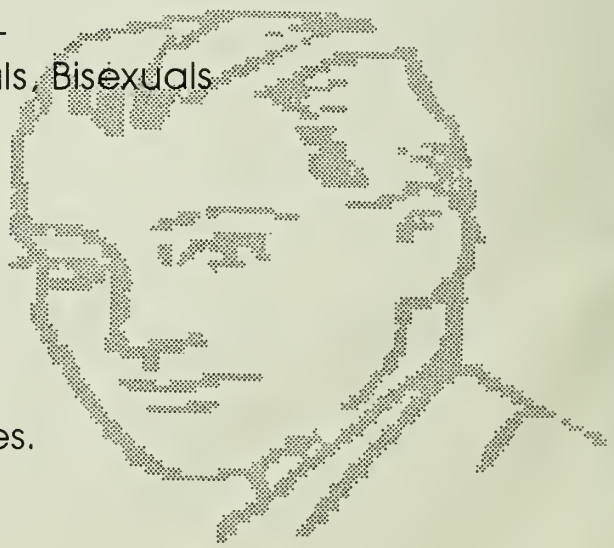
by Heather Hatfield

Self-Denial is the monster devouring our souls.
Collecting our collective consciousness
and dispersing it into the void of hell.
Allowing Society to deny us our rights to exist,
to achieve our full potential,
to live in harmony with ourselves and others.



Times have changed—
no longer is it many against a few,
With mass media, mass communication
the onslaught has just begun.
Laws are being enacted—
Opinions are being swayed—
our civil rights are being eroded.

As long as we do not confront this monster - this denial
It will continue to allow us to be homogenized,
to be discredited, to be oppressed
until no longer will there be
Witches, Shamans, Berdaches, Mystics—
Gays, Lesbians, Transvestites, Transsexuals, Bisexuals
but only repressed people
with little or no self esteem or value.



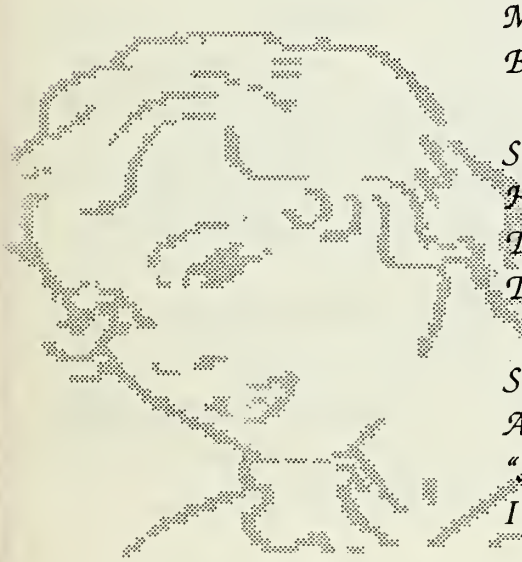
Times have changed—
It's time for us to change.
Stand up for ourselves,
stand up for our sisters/our brothers,
let people know where your solidarity lies.
Stop the lies!
Tell the truth!

MY FEMININE SIDE

by Denise de Magne

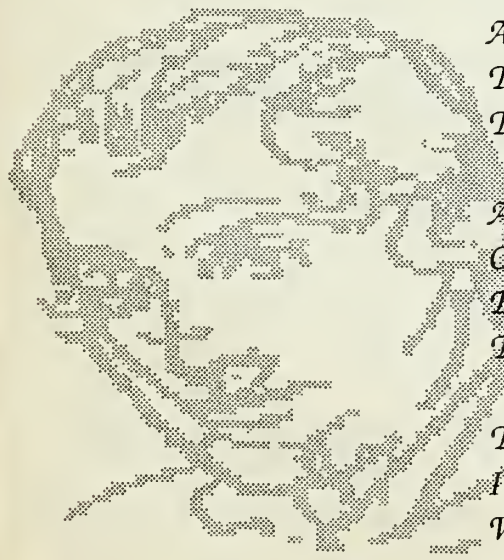
"It's a boy!" they all cried with excited voices,
as though by decree there were no other choices
But as I grew older it was harder to hide
The fact that I had a feminine side.

For masculine gender, the world has agreed,
Of all things feminine, I had to be freed.
My own true feelings just wouldn't subside
Because I did have a feminine side.



Sor a young boy to wear satin and lace,
High heels and stockings would bring him disgrace.
To avoid their displeasure I had to decide
To suffer the loss of my feminine side.

So suffer I did throughout childhood and youth,
And in young adulthood, could not face the truth.
"Suppress it!" I said but whatever I tried,
I just couldn't weaken my feminine side.



Now He-ness and She-ness, I've come round to find,
Are rather more likened a state of the mind,
To express to the fullest, and not be denied,
The right to enjoy my feminine side.

And as I grow older I can't help but think
Of the thoughtless ways we are led to the brink
By ignorant men who cannot abide
The thought that we might have a feminine side.

The He and the She are part of us all,
In some doses large—in some doses small;
Whatever proportion we cherish with pride
The fact that we do have a femininne side!

The Lady Underneath

by April L. Willis

For years I've hid the woman.
Who's always shared my life.
But I recently introduced her.
To the woman who is my wife.
They got along rather well.
They laughed and talked a bit.
My wife began to teach her.
How to walk, stand and sit.
Shopping trips for dresses.
Makeup tips and fashion too.
My two best friends together.
Every experience new.
Everyone has a secret.
They hide without a trace.
Mine lies beneath my clothes.
Silks, satins and lace.
But my wife has met the lady.
Who for years I've Had to hide.
There is no problem, they are friends.
And always at my side.
The lady who for years I've hid.
And never left a trace.
Now is free to come and go.
And show her pretty face.

WINDOWS OF MY SOUL

Windows, the eyes of our souls --
Do others see withing-- our goals
As they gaze and see within
the woman we should have been.

Our beginning we may not well remember,
Be it June, or was it September?
There's one thing we know for sure--
This desire to dress has no cure;

It all began in childhood so long ago;
If there was a reason I'll never know;
Through early teens there came this urge
The moments of shame-- then the purge.

That we number in the millions it is known;
Then why, pray tell am I so alone?
Three words within our lives, begin with trans
I'd much rather wear skirts than pants;

To myself, forever, always confessing
Like real girls, I'm always dressing.
There's nothing like nylons and lace- -
Alas, those pretties don't match my face.

When I must leave this world's mad whirl,
I'd love to return to earth as a girl!
In spite of all that's been said and done--
We Are Forever two into one.

- Sharon Morgan

Humor

⊘ Dumb Blonde

from the pen of **Tere Frederickson**

Tere is the President of Boulton & Park's newsletter Gender Euphoria. A sample of her short & sweet one liners follows. For further information on her publication write:

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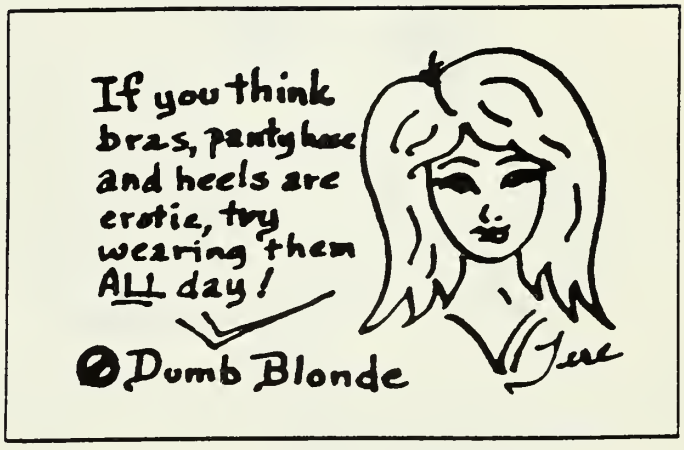
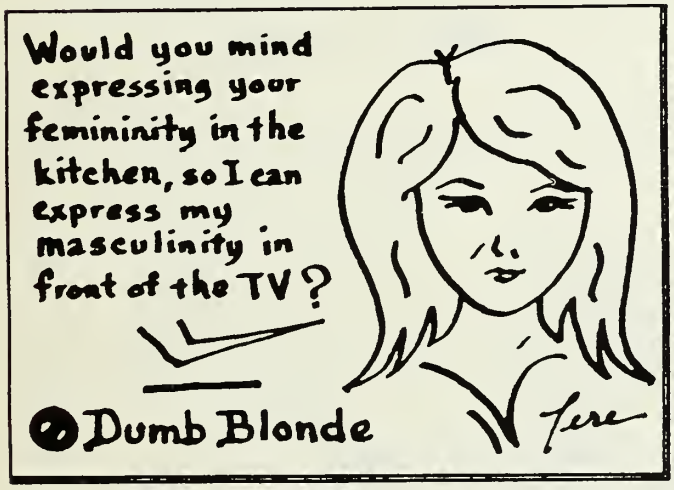
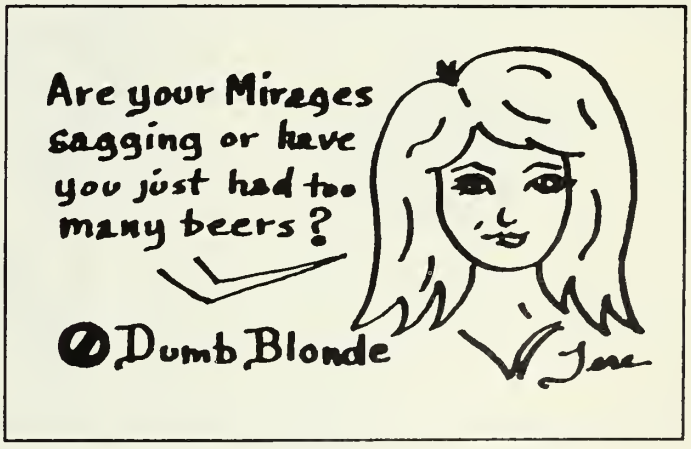
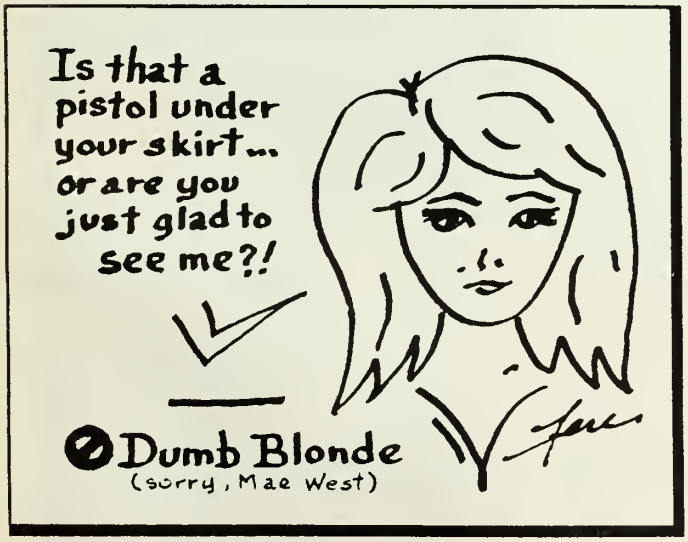


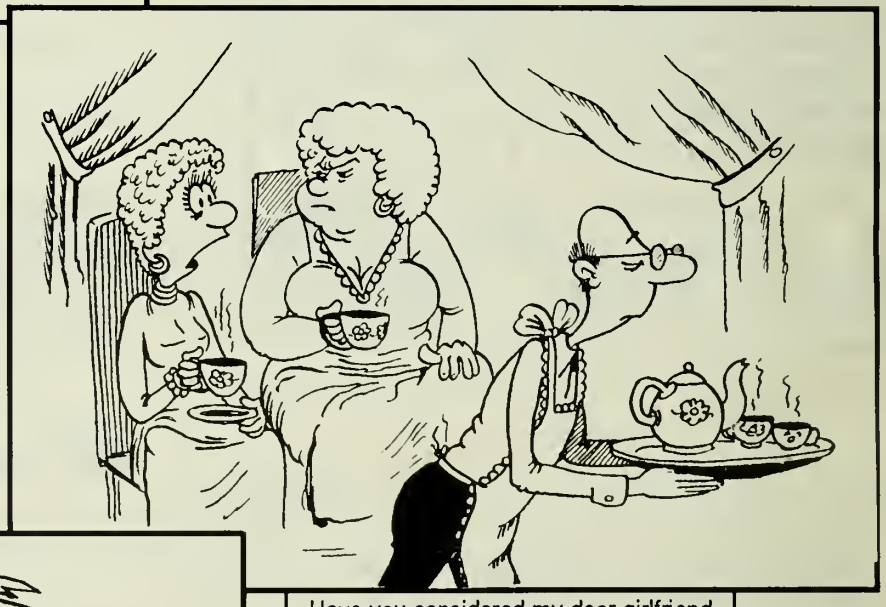




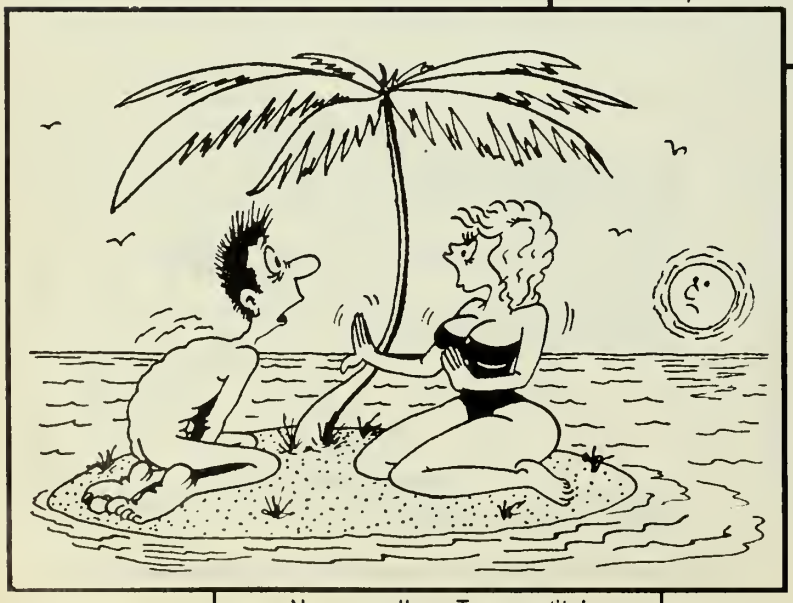


and an encore performance from
Soviet artist and friend, **Yuri Kumykov**

We put these on and people will think we're Transvestites.



Have you considered my dear girlfriend that housework can provoke transsexual orientation from men?



No, no,no I'm a Transvestite!

Cover Story

Building Bridges

by Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni

I'm out. For better or worse, I'm now known for what I am. Not only that, but everyone knows I'm a transsexual, too.

What I feared most, for most of my life, has finally happened. Family, friends, co-workers and associates have all found out about Nancy. The amazing thing is, some of them still seem to like me. In fact, precious few of them gave me any problem about it, and lots of them are as supportive as can be. Now I find myself giving seminars and speaking out with just about everyone I meet about crossdressing and transsexualism. I'm even beginning to fancy myself as a good voice for our community. (This is one ego that knows no bounds.)

In my daily life, I don't try to hide my past. I'm proud to be who I am. And the fact that others know me is my insurance against a return to the closet. The freedom I've gained by their knowledge and acceptance empowers me to be myself and to share my experience freely.

Funny, but the most dramatic change for me didn't turn out to be my gender. When I came out to everyone and gained widespread acceptance, the guilt and anger I'd been stuck on for so long just evaporated. Poof! OK, not overnight, but over a couple of years. Just ask my folks, they'll tell you. I used to be a real pain; now I'm much more of a pleasure.

But where did I go right?

To answer this question, I've developed a presentation I call, "Building Bridges."

And now, on to the lecture...

Islands All.
We are all small islands swimming in a great sea, each a fiefdom isolated from its neighbors by an ocean of ignorance, fear, and uncertainty. Our relationships are the bridges that tie us together and allow us to trade goodies with our neighbors. It may be that we find ourselves with a surplus of grapes, and notice that our neighbor has a press. The image of making sweet wine together inspires our desire for a bridge. But we can't just go out and build a bridge. After all, if we put up a bridge overnight without warning, we can be sure that our neighbor's reaction will be to get out the dynamite. So the first step we need to take in building a bridge is to get our neighbor's agreement, or permission. But unless our neighbor is terribly naive or foolish, some questions will need to be answered before the first support can be put in place.

Foot the Bill.
The question of who will pay usually comes up early in the process. The answer is not what you might think. You can't expect them to pay an equal share. It's your idea, and it's your tab. You want the bridge, you have the need, you should be willing to pay for the whole thing. Sure, the other person will also benefit. But your benefit alone will more than cover the cost of construction, and you have a vested interest in getting this bridge built. So be generous. Be willing to put out whatever effort it takes to make it work. Be willing to take the extra step towards them. Don't use their lack of interest as an excuse for accepting failure. In fact, don't use excuses at all. Accept only success. Failure comes from giving up. If you never stop trying, you cannot be defeated.

Expect Fear and Suspicion.
Don't be surprised if your neighbor is suspicious of your motives, or fears the possible effect of your proposed bridge on their island. The person who lives without some suspicion of others is a patsy. And the person who is without fear will not live long. Their suspicions and fears are healthy and must be taken seriously.

Beat Your Own Fear with Preparation.
What if they don't like you, or reject you? These are your fears talking, and they're too costly for you, so don't indulge in them. You'll find out what happens when the time comes, not before. "There are no guarantees in life," as the EST-ian adage goes. This is not a time to worry, but a time instead to marshal your confidence,

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(If you want a schedule of when and where Building Bridges seminars will be given, Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni can be reached directly through the Society for Crossdressing Hardware Engineers (SCHE), 276 Pearl Street, Unit L, Cambridge MA 02139-4716 USA.)

draw yourself up with pride and make the preparations needed to provide the best possible chance for success. Instead of indulging your fears, use them as guides to help steer you around pitfalls. In this case, it's always possible that the other person won't like you, and might well reject you. So do a little groundwork in advance to insure against these things happening. Your bridge needs a foundation before it can soar into the sky.

Be Considerate.
Your foundation begins with your awareness of the other person's reality. Notice that they see everything from a different angle. They have their own needs. Their memories and emotional triggers are different from yours. Their tool kit, the skills with which they live and get by, are different from yours. In short, they exist in a completely different world than you do. You cannot say how they should behave at any time because you do not know all of their considerations. So cultivate an attitude of acceptance for the thoughts and actions of others. There, but for the grace of God, go you. Give them your loving acceptance, just as you would have them accept you. Set a good example, even if it may seem to be wasted sometimes. It will work in subtle ways, often outside of your perception.

Be a Good Friend.
Friendship is the cement of your foundation. Be truthful and dependable. Do what you say you're going to do, when you said you'd do it. If you can't, let them know beforehand. Your broken word kills their confidence in you, but your warning them of your failures in advance will strengthen their trust.

Make Yourself Attractive.
If you look dirty, smell bad, and sound unpleasant, people will turn away when they see you coming. But if you wear a smile, smell clean, and sound pleasant, you're much more likely to be welcomed. You don't have to be beautiful, but a little soap and water applied to your attitude can go a long way. Take the time to make yourself presentable, and make the effort to be pleasant. No excuses.

Spread good cheer.
Become a source of good vibes and a smile. Become someone who brings sunshine to a room, life to a party. Leave your worries outside the door as much as possible. Be a good person to have around.

Earn Respect.
You don't deserve respect, it's not your birthright, and you won't get it by demanding it. You have to earn it. Earn it by showing it both for others and yourself. If you want to be respected, set a good example by respecting yourself. And if you want others to respect you, respect them. Don't expect something for nothing.

Give Fair Warning.
Tell people sooner rather than later. Nobody is going to instantly change their image of you, nor settle all their doubts. You've had a long time to adjust; give them some time, too. My mother says that the best thing I did for my family was to give them lots of warning (8 years) before I transitioned. You don't have to know exactly what you're going to be doing; just give fair warning of what might be coming. I've heard of lots of professional advice against letting the cat out of the bag, but I don't buy it. If you care about them, don't tell them lies, period. Hard advice to take sometimes, but it worked for me. My family is now my Rock of Gibraltar, because I finally considered their needs, became honest with them, trusted their love.

Accept Their Reaction.
Acknowledge the spectrum of reactions that your revelation may inspire, and express your acceptance for the person, whatever their feelings. I used to tell people, "The last thing I want is for my burden to become yours, so please don't feel bad if you don't feel completely accepting. After all, it took me my whole lifetime to get used to the idea." If you make it OK for them to reject you, they're much more likely to accept you. Try to force something, and you can count on resistance. Give up control, and cooperation becomes possible.

Nancy & her Mom

Be graceful.
When the time comes to tell someone about yourself, choose a good time, a time when you're feeling good and the other person has time available. Always ask permission to take some of their time, and give them an idea of the nature of the conversation. Be firm but gentle, warm and positive. Answer misunderstanding with patience. Act kind. Encourage humor, and bring up a genuine smile from deep within.

Listen.
One of our biggest mistakes is to talk too much. There's so much to say that we can't hope to get it all out, but we try anyway. Remember to pay attention to the other person. Memorize a few basic points that are most important, and be sure to deliver them, but listen keenly while and after you do so. You may be surprised to find out what the other person's real concerns are, and the whole process may turn out much easier than you expected, as I found time after time.

Our creation was

not a mistake,

Our existence

has purpose.

Provide Solutions.
There will be some problems, and you can provide solutions for them. Some problems you can predict. Family and friends may wonder if you're going to embarrass them. That fear may be put to rest by a promise that they don't ever have to see you crossdressed. Give them the reins. The more control they have, the more comfortable they're likely be. And, it gives them an opportunity to be magnanimous. Of course, if you and your sister have been feuding viciously for 20 years, there's a limit to how much control you'll want to give to her. But, she has a right to her own peace of mind, and you can respect that by not forcing yourself on her.

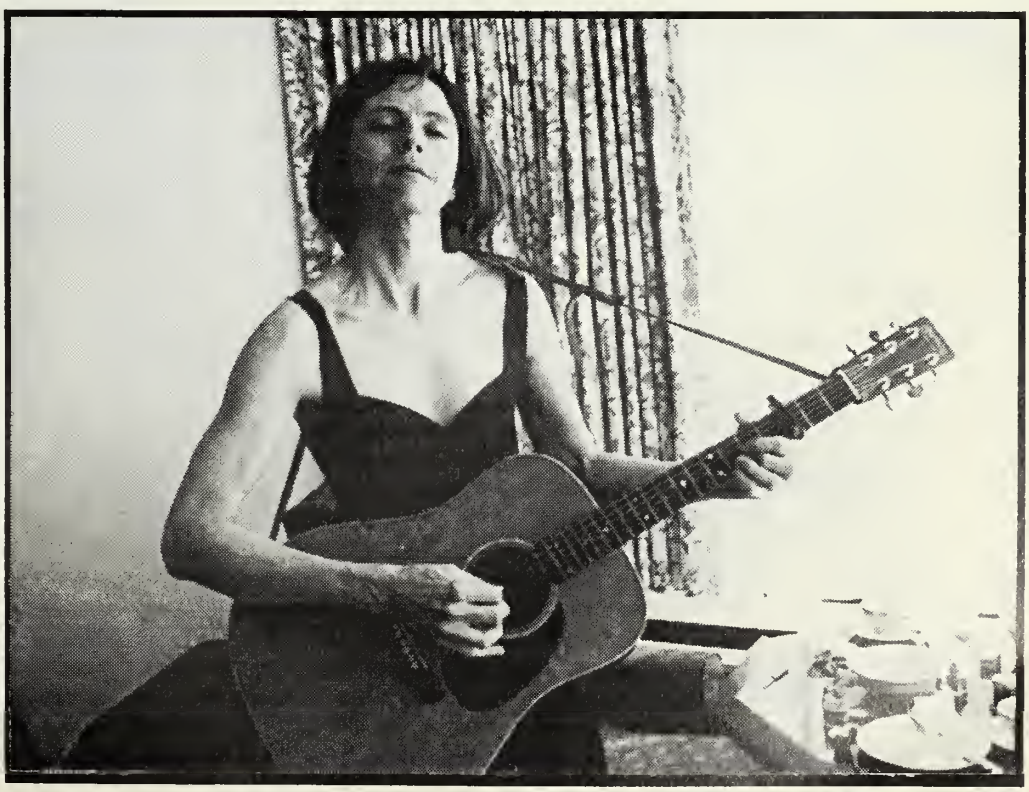
Folks at work may wonder if you're going to hurt business, or which bathroom you'll want to use. I handled these matters in advance by volunteering to leave the company if asked. And, I spoke privately to the women proposing several possible solutions to the bathroom situation. But I had done my homework well, and they were completely supportive and accepted my use of their facility. Every one of my co-workers told me that they wanted me to stay with the company, even those who had real difficulty accepting my change.'

Inspire confidence.
Be truthful, provide your reasoning leading up to the disclosure. Let them know where you plan to go from here, and invite their feedback. Don't waffle. If you're not sure of your course, don't move. You don't have to know your destination, just your direction. Allow that you may change your direction when you learn more. I told my co-workers that I thought that I would probably transition in 6-24 months, but that I reserved the right to change my mind if the process revealed to me that the direction was not right for me. This expression of caution in my approach seemed much more effective in winning their support than if I had said that I was certain that I was doing the right thing, which would have been a lie.

Don't transfer your burden.
If you ask someone else to keep your secret for you, you're just making it their problem instead of yours, enlarging your closet at their expense. And the underlying message is, "I'm ashamed." You can't be halfway out. Encourage all to talk about it with whomever they choose. Trust their judgment and you'll win their support. And it'll be easier for them to get comfortable with the idea if they can talk about it with someone else.

Encourage humor.
Show that you can laugh at yourself. There's no more powerful medicine for feeling comfortable.

Be Patient.



It may take awhile for them to get used to the idea. Give them time. If they might be thinking that it's a passing phase, remind them every so often (gently!) that you're still moving in the same direction. Don't intrude on their space by bringing up the subject too often, or at times that are not comfortable for them. Give them all the time and space they need. There's at least one person in my life who hasn't come to terms with the thought of what I've done. All I can do for her is to back off, and encourage those who know us both to leave her alone on this issue. This isn't always easy for me, but I think it's the most loving way to handle the situation. Any attempt I make to force or hurry her will only cause increased conflict.

Make These Things Habit.
You won't likely change your relationships overnight. They'll change when you become habitual in these things so that your bridge to others will become a welcome addition. Do whatever it takes to master your habits. Break yourself of bad ones, and form good new ones. Don't be ashamed or shy of seeking help; an outside opinion can be your port in the storm.

Reading List.
To help you to achieve all this and much more, become good friends with two books, *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie and *Think and Grow Rich* by Napoleon Hill. These are not crass "get rich quick" rip-offs. They're honest, fundamental social primers. They're part of what we all should have been taught but weren't.

Seize your Opportunity.
Each of is challenged. We're different from the general population. We can regard that difference as a curse or a psychic deformity, living in fear and hiding our true selves. Or we can recognize our natural beauty. Our creation was NOT a mistake. Our existence HAS purpose, made stronger by our suffering. Join with me in seizing this opportunity to help lead the world to a better place, where men and women have greater freedom of self-expression. Where all can be friends. Where softness and sensitivity are not the exclusive province of women. And where strength and power are not the exclusive province of men. Change is happening all over. We are not alone. Join the tide that's rising all around us in saying:

I am who I am;
you are who you are;
and I will MAKE room
in MY world
for BOTH of us.

Love,

Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni

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A Better Way

by Allison Marsh

First, the desk clerk at the Las Vegas hotel asked for my credit card. My Significant Other and I were traveling as two women, and were using my credit card. I could have handed the clerk the card the bank had issued to Allison Marsh, but, being unsure of Nevada's hotel registration laws, I had chosen to register under my real name, which is often used as a girl's name anyway. So, I gave her the one with my birth name on it. Then the second shoe fell. She said, "I'll need to see your driver's license."

If this had been just any hotel, I would have handed her the license with my male "state prison inmate" picture leering back with all the masculinity I had mustered two years ago. But, this wasn't just any hotel, it was the one in which we particularly wanted to stay. I had no idea what their policy was, but I was pretty sure I couldn't demand my non-discrimination rights to become their guest as a crossdressed male.

So, I sputtered and said, "I don't have a driver's license, but I do know that VISA and MasterCard have published national policies that no identification other than the card itself may be asked for by participating merchants." A little irritated, she responded that Nevada law forbids any casino hotel from registering any guest without first examining a photo identification document. She volunteered that she could accept other ID than a driver's license, but it had to have a picture.

I had two other photo IDs with me. One was a Naval Reserve card, the other was a gift from one of the crossdressers' conferences which had my femme picture on one side and a statement on the back that I dressed this way by preference—not to break the law. I have never used the latter card because it is not official, and the legend itself brings up the subject of breaking the law. I simply had nothing authoritative with an identifiable photo.

So, we registered under the name of my Significant Other, used her driver's license and my credit card, and that was fine.

I have since heard of others who have had no trouble registering as obvious crossdressers in Las Vegas hotels without a problem. But, there are a couple of other problems in traveling without a good photo ID. One issue came up when I wanted to cash a check and I knew Allison was unrecognizable as the person on my driver's license. It was either change back to match my license picture, or go without money.

I've always been a little concerned about being asked by an airline boarding agent for identification linking me with the name on my senior-rate ticket. And I have never wanted to have to "unmask" on the freeway after the blue lights go on and the officer doesn't think my license is mine.

Washington State, like many others, issues photo identification cards to people who don't have or can't get driver's licenses. To issue this card, they require proof of identity, such as a birth certificate, or a passport.

Today, I called the State Department of Licensing, told them I was a transvestite who spends a lot of time crossdressed, and that I would like to get a state identification card with a different picture than the one on my driver's license. The lady responded, "Sure, we can do that for you."

So, I donned my blonde locks, stuck in my new ear-rings, the ones with all the colored glass, topped my white blouse with a polka dot scarf, and drove 30 miles to a driver's license office where I wasn't likely to find myself among business associates.

Raising my voice a couple of notes, and flashing my nicest Revlon smile, I told the man at the counter that I had a driver's license with a picture that doesn't match the way I look most of the time, and asked if I might get a state ID card with the same information as my driver's license, but a new picture.

I handed him my current license. He looked at it, looked up at me with not a trace of sarcasm, and asked, "Is all this information still current?" Yes. "What was your mother's maiden name?" I repressed my urge to tell him there hadn't been a mother in my family for three generations, and gave him the one that was already in his computer.

A woman clerk came up and completed the transaction. I told her that I had been reluctant to use that driver's license to check into a Las Vegas hotel while dressed this way. She looked me over and replied, "Aw, come on! In Las Vegas?" Then she told me to have a seat, they would call me when my turn came to be photographed. They did call me, over the public address system, using my real name. (I was very glad not to be in my home town.)

Five minutes later, they called me again, and for four dollars, I was handed an official state ID card bearing one of Allison's nicest pictures, and a name that matches the one on my bank checks. No embarrassment, no delays, no hassle.

Hotels, airlines, and banks, here I come! Please, no blue lights!

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Am I a Woman?

by Christine Beatty

What is it that determines one's gender? Chromosomes, anatomy, hormones, socialization, and psychological identity are all contributing factors that paint a picture of one's sex. These traits are in concordance for most human beings, but that is not true for transsexuals. For them it will never be true. Not only can one's chromosomes never be changed, the genitalia provided by surgery are only like a genetic female's in appearance, and only somewhat in function. How important that is depends on one's perspective. Remember: nobody has a monopoly on the truth in situations where perspective determines a person's truth.

The women, lesbian and otherwise, who assert that transsexuals are not women have a valid belief if it is examined from their point of view. We are *not* women in the same way that genetic women are, and in our earnest attempt to externalize and validate our identities, many of us either minimize that fact, or we forget it entirely. Many of us make the often unqualified assertion that we are women, that we feel like women, or that we otherwise know what it means to be women.

The truth is that almost no crossgendered people, except perhaps for a handful of "primary" transsexuals who were raised as females, have any idea what it is like to grow up as women. We know nothing of that from first-hand experience. Furthermore, many of us have had male privilege, whether or not we enjoyed or wanted it, that is something no born-woman can say. On the other hand, some of the things we can't say we know is a lifelong treatment as second-class citizens by a patriarchal society; or the experiences of menstruation, pregnancy, and childbirth. We know little of the objectification of women, at least not as something we dealt with as we grew up. And we can't say we have known, for all of our lives, what it is like not to have been taken seriously just because we were women. Being women is a relatively new experience for most of us. It is only since our transition that we began to experience some of these things for ourselves.

The very fact that we haven't had these experiences as we grew makes us different from born-females. In the eyes of many women, this difference is enough to exclude us as sisters, and, *in a sense,* they are right. Transsexuals are more cousins than sisters to genetic women if you focus on all these differences. From this perspective, if it weren't for all of the similarities, we wouldn't even qualify as cousins to born-women. And I am not talking about appearance. Far from it.

One of the transsexual attitudes most despised by many feminists is that of the importance of "passing." Appearance-oriented value is, first of all, a patriarchal concept that is very anti-woman. Looksism is not a feminist ideal. Yet some transsexuals hold passing as nontranssexual (genetic) women in high regard, taking the viewpoint that the better you pass, the more of a woman you are. The truth of the matter is that often being taken for (i.e., mistaken for) a nontranssexual woman does not make you one. There is no question that passing often makes a transsexual's life a lot easier. It can be a big reinforcement of one's gender identity, but it should not be an excuse for forgetting reality.

Perhaps a simile will help illustrate my point. The best Rolex copy in the world is still a copy, and though it may fool a lot of people—thus validating the owner's belief that it *is* a real Rolex—it doesn't change the fact that it is a copy. Sooner or later, someone is going to notice that it's not the real thing, e.g., if the owner needs a quick buck and decides to pawn it. Suddenly his or her world is brought back to reality. And the reality is that the best facsimile in the world is just that, a facsimile.

The point where this parallel breaks down is the suggestion that a transsexual woman is "not as good as" or is "worth less" than a genetic woman. Human beings are not jewelry, expensive or faux, and value comparisons are demeaning. I am not in any way suggesting that we transsexual women are not as good as born-women. What I am suggesting is that we are different.

What I had to do to legitimize my female identity in my own eyes was to expand my definition of "woman" to include transsexuals. I have to keep in mind that not everybody understands or validates that definition. While I have spent some time expounding a viewpoint that contradicts my own, even acknowledging its validity on some levels, I am not insisting that transsexuals are not women, I am asserting that we are not the same as born-females. We are women of a different kind, and there is nothing wrong with that as long as we don't forget it.

Having a lover who has helped educate me on many facets of feminism, including separatism, has

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Who Says I'm Not A Woman?

by Dawn Koro

As someone who has devoted her mind, heart, and soul for the last six years to establishing her identity as a woman, and who has lived as a woman for over two years, I am deeply disturbed that some members of our community *don't* consider me a woman.

Recently I received an invitation to a meeting for post-operative transsexual women. I don't qualify to go because I have not yet had genital surgery. I have no problem with post-op TS women having their own conference. What I find deeply offensive is calling it a "New Women's Conference," thereby excluding me from the category "women."

If I am not a woman, what *am* I? I *could* be accurately described as a "pre-operative male-to-female transsexual," but such a designation leaves me a genderless freak. And, I am *not* a genderless freak. Nor am I a man impersonating a woman.

My clear, unambiguous, and socially validated identity is "woman." "Transsexual woman" to be sure, but first and foremost "woman." Not "pre-op." Not "wannabe." Not "seeker," to quote the New Woman's Conference. Simply "woman."

I am typing this in my office in a company where I was hired simply as a woman named Dawn. Every day here I deal with dozens of people, both customers and staff. They all consider me a woman, *period.* This includes some to whom I have "come out" about my situation. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts likewise considers me a woman, according to both my driver's license and the court order changing my name.

'We are not women in the same way that genetic women are. . .'
- Beatty

'If I am not a woman, what am I? '
- Koro

When I first saw the term "new woman" some years ago in Merissa Lynn's list of definitions, I simply ignored it. Since then, in thousands of hours of talk with transsexual people (including both Merissa and the founder of the NWC), I have never heard anyone actually *use* the term, and I continued to ignore it. But, now that it is institutionalized in the form of an annual conference and a newsletter, I must speak out.

I find it the absolute height of irony that the latest NWC newsletter contains an editorial calling "reprehensible" the use of male pronouns to refer to people like me. How can it be reprehensible to call me "he," yet perfectly OK to exclude me from the category of "women"?

I fully support each and every person and group deciding what to call themselves, and using those labels with pride. But, limiting "woman" only to those who have had surgery insults both those who live as women but choose not to have surgery, and those who, like myself, dearly want it, but can't afford it.

The state of my genitals is nobody's business but my own. It has very little to do with how others relate to me, or with how I identify myself. *I am a woman,* and I will not tolerate anyone either openly stating or indirectly implying that I am not.

(Beatty continued)

given me a fresh perspective on my gender. I will be the last person to say that I'm not a woman, but I have quit believing that I have as much in common with genetic females as I once did. I have learned to celebrate the differences as well as the similarities, which has given me the freedom to just be myself without wondering if I'm being "feminine" enough. It is a very liberating place to be. Sure, there are times when I will assert the female stereotypes, especially around people with whom I want to be related to as a woman. I know that most of the world still lives and breathes these stereotypes, and it is not my intention to become the Danielle Boone of the Third Gender Frontier.

Unfortunately, we live in a society of bipolar gender where we have to be women or men. And, while I am becoming comfortable with a third gender identity, I often find myself retreating to womanhood when our culture forces me to make a choice. I have to live in a world that has only two boxes to check, a choice of two bathroom doors, and so on. If I must make a choice, I choose "woman" because that's a lot closer to how I feel inside, given my perception of gender. I call myself a woman because society gives me little choice. I am grateful for all the women who acknowledge me as a sister, or at least a cousin. Until the day comes when we can count genders in numbers higher than two, I feel I have the right to claim my place amongst my sisters who were born women. I think there is enough room for all of us.

Changes

by Anne Harper

I read this statement on a quilt that was made to remember an individual who had died of AIDS. About 800 quilts were on display in Rochester, New York at the end of May as part of the NAMES PROJECT. As I walked through the presentation, I was deeply moved. The emotion of viewing these quilts that recalled what these people meant to their friends and loved ones caused me to reflect on how important relationships are to all of us. The tragedy of AIDS has become a catalyst for change. The various quilts communicated how the sickness has brought a whole community together. This catalyst has caused all sorts of people to become more human by caring more about others. They realized that changes experienced throughout our lives become more tolerable if they can care about the ones involved in that change. The death of the ones remembered on the quilts has been a difficult change, but one that the makers of the quilts were able so survive because they were able to demonstrate that they cared.

I have learned that change is inevitable, particularly with the relationships in our lives. It seems that people always are coming or going. Unfortunately, it's the going that becomes so difficult when someone so very close to us leaves. Our crossdressing many times becomes a catalyst for change because it elicits strong emotions. If even casual acquaintances are adversely affected when confronted with our crossgender activity, we can understand why our closest relationships struggle with it. That does not mean that all our relationships have a problem with our crossdressing, but the fact that it becomes a catalyst for change forces ones close to us to evaluate themselves. We work very hard to reconcile a very important aspect of our personality. Many times this motivates them to face similarly important issues in their lives. This inspection creates an environment of change which affects the relationship.

Recently, I ended a relationship with a wonderful lady. She was the first to accept my crossdressing as a part of me, and it did not diminish her affection. She broke through a wall that I had built to conceal my feminine side from everyone. Before meeting her, every experience I had involving crossdressing was negative. I had years of repression that expressed itself as resentment.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go.

Some stay for awhile and leave footprints in our hearts and we are never the same.

My wife of 23 years had the impression that I did not love her because of this undercurrent of repression. This resentment meant that my children were afraid of me, could not trust my reactions toward them, and they consequently never felt close to me. I also was not close to any of my friends, for I thought, if they really knew what I was like, they would not want me as their friend.

After my wife and I separated, I met Lauren. We connected immediately, and started a very close relationship. At first we did not understand the basis for out attraction to each other, but just enjoyed being together. As it turned out, we shared a common history of repression, denial, and guilt. Both of us had struggled with incongruities in our personalities, and had attempted to live a life script that was not our own. So, when I exposed my crossgender interest early in our courtship, her response was positive. Even though she said my crossdressing would not bother her, I was apprehensive about expressing it because of the negative response I was so accustomed to experiencing.

After living together for about three months, she suggested that we have a private dinner party, and that we both get dressed up in our fancy dresses. With mixed emotions, I agreed, and did the best I could. I did not anticipate her reaction. She felt sorry for me because I was so sad and uncomfortable sitting at the table in my dress, wig, and high heels. I was afraid I was about to ruin another relationship, and by that time she meant a great deal to me. I then put the crossdressing away for the time being.

About six months later she saw a talk show on crossdressing and taped it for me to see when I got home from work. It opened up the conversation and she thought I shouldn't ignore this part of myself anymore. She commented that I should not be ashamed of being different, and that I was not bad for being this way. In fact she said, "If you're going to do it, you're going to do it right." She became my mentor, teaching me makeup, hair styling, and wardrobe selection. In me she found a quick and a willing student. Her attention to my feminine being is what broke down the emotional barrier I had so effectively built over the years.

Once that wall was removed, my heart was open to develop a strong love that I had not let myself experience before. The bond continued to grow in surprising ways. We communicated our innermost feelings and understood each other completely. I reached out to support groups. I started receiving newsletters and sent away for books that helped both of us understand the phenomenon better. I became

confident with my feminine self and projected complete comfort with my newfound ability to express myself. I started spending more time in Syracuse with the members of EON. In fact I was asked to join the Board of Directors because of my increased involvement.

I started feeling complete for the first time in my life; to be able to freely express my difference. I was able to feel emotions and show my love for friends and family that I had shut out. This was a new experience for me. But, I had to work hard at keeping a balance. My crossdressing had become something positive, something to be proud of, and I couldn't get enough of it. It became obvious to Lauren how important it was to me, so she encouraged me to pursue the activity to the extent I felt necessary. As I became better, she backed away, allowing me to develop my own skills. But, now it became my thing, not our thing.

Then, slowly at first, changes started to occur. My increased comfort with myself caused her to consider the incongruities in her life. She knew she was different, but had repressed that difference the majority of her life. The crossdressing became the catalyst for change. She saw the progress I had made in dealing with an unusual but very important issue in my personality, and that the results could be positive. Her support and understanding is what made it possible for me. I now became compelled to reciprocate. She needed to know she wasn't wrong to express herself in the way that her deepest feelings directed her. She needed to know that the ones that loved her would still love her regardless. I encouraged her to follow that deep inner requirement just as she had done for me with my crossdressing. She soon realized what she needed to do to be complete, and being in a close committed relationship with me was not included. She recently moved out of town.

I now think of the lead of the quiltmakers. They demonstrated their love by sewing a remembrance of someone close to them who had left. They took an active role so as to make the change in the relationship tolerable. It is a fine example of doing something to show how much they cared. This activity has brought individuals together forming a strong bond of love centered around the death of their loved one. The quilts showed how it had become a catalyst for change, change of attitude, and concern for one another. I feel my crossdressing became the catalyst for change with my relationship with Lauren. I need to demonstrate my love just as the quiltmakers have. I have to realize that the relationship as I knew it has ended, and that I have to get beyond the change. I can see that we are both better for sharing our love, and now I must show that I care by supporting her move. She was instrumental in freeing my real self so that I can be alive and complete. I have to take every opportunity to help her be the same. The active role of support I have undertaken is not unlike the activity of the quiltmakers. It is the only way to make the change tolerable. I realize that the death of the ones remembered on the quilts is much more tragic than the end of my relationship, yet the lesson I learned while viewing the quilts applies. The footprint Lauren left on my heart assures that I will never be the same.

Life As A Transgenderist

by Kymberleigh Richards

I have, for several months, been intending to reply to a letter from one of our subscribers, who wrote to ask several very pertinent questions about living full-time as a woman. The only reason I never answered that letter—although I twice dashed off notes apologizing for my not having yet responded—was that I felt that any answer would require a comprehensive evaluation of my life in order to properly and completely respond. And, quite honestly, I have never been able to find sufficient time when I was not either working on *Cross-Talk* or one of my other responsibilities in order to undertake such an evaluation. Until a few weeks ago...

At this year's California Dreamin' I found myself in a very unusual situation. Having spoken briefly at the Friday luncheon in my capacity as the current president of the Tri-Ess Alpha chapter, taken part in discussions regarding the Congress of Transgender Organization's potential use of the Cross Connection BBS, and co-moderated part of a discussion group with my associate editor Anne Blackwood, I found myself emotionally detached from the event. Two hours before the Friday evening banquet, a full 24 hours before the Saturday evening banquet, I suddenly felt I didn't belong, and I had an overwhelming need to leave.

It was Chrystine Julian, who frequently keyboards articles for me when I can't get a computer disk from an article's author, who put her finger on what was bothering me. When I told her how I was feeling, she said, "Of course you feel like you don't belong! Your life has evolved beyond what these events are about, and you have less in common with those in attendance than you did a couple of years ago!"

Chrys was, and is, right. While our community's events are a wonderful opportunity for the members of our community to express their femininity, I don't need an event as an excuse. And as I realized that, while returning home, that is the essence of being a transgenderist.

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to read my assorted writings in *Cross-Talk* over its entire history, I celebrated my third anniversary

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of living full-time as Kymberleigh Meghann Richards in July, 1993. And while, looking back, I know I've changed a great deal in a variety of ways, I cannot honestly pinpoint any specific changes—only points in time where I realized how much I had already changed. It is my intent to answer my subscriber's letter through this article, and perhaps not only clarify what a transgenderist is, but how she truly becomes one.

My subscriber asked in her letter how I had found the integration into mainstream society. And to be honest, I don't think I noticed. At the time that I made my transition, I had already been publishing *Cross-Talk* (the newsletter) for almost two years, and my activism both in and on behalf of the local gender community was intensely consuming a great deal of my spare time. In fact, the decision to live full-time as Kym came at the end of a two-week period in which I shifted back and forth between gender roles ten(!) times due to my commitments to lecture at college classes, my attendance and participation in the meetings of our local community groups, and various other assorted events and happenings. Fame definitely had its drawbacks!

I was fortunate that, when I made the decision to transition full-time, I was managing editor of a short-lived music and arts newspaper in Hollywood. Since a large number of our staff were in the local rock music scene, they didn't exactly think I was overly weird (and besides, as managing editor they pretty much had to tolerate me or they wouldn't see print!). I was also fortunate that, after the newspaper's demise, I found employment as a telephone operator (yes, folks, I was connected with THE big long-distance company for a while) where it was considerably more important that I could perform my job functions than how I dressed while working. (In fact, my last assignment was with the hearing-impaired relay service, where we had an **extremely** high number of gay employees, and where some crossdressed male employees had worked prior to my arrival there.)

The net effect of being in those positions was that I was essentially isolated from public scrutiny, except while at the post office, the bank, and the grocery store—the employees of which pretty much accepted my change of appearance without comment, except for the assistant manager of my bank, who said (and still occasionally laments) that my legs are better than hers.

I think that most of my observations on the subject of integration have come in the second 18 months rather than the first, due mostly to my dependence on mass transit since the loss of my car in a traffic accident in late 1991. Obviously, I am subjected to much more public scrutiny now, since most of my time outside the house I am either (a) on foot, (b) waiting at a bus stop, or (c) on a bus as a passenger. I have found, interestingly, that most transit passengers are completely oblivious to the lives of their fellow passengers (with the exception of high school students, who can be avoided if you know how the bus system runs and determine what buses they are likely to be riding). The bus drivers tend to take me at face value for the most part, except for those based in the division closest to my residence. (Due to the knowledge of the transit network that I have acquired as a result of my dependence on it, my local drivers tend to treat me with greater respect than the other passengers. This places me in the interesting position of being respected **in spite** of my gender orientation!)

I have met a few passengers (all female) on the bus who have admitted—after only a few minutes' conversation—to being bisexual and who have expressed a curiosity about my lifestyle, but I find that (a) they are the exception, not the rule, and (b) their curiosity has never resulted in extended contact past the chance encounter on the bus.

As far as my business associates and friends accepting me: Most of my business associates are such because *Cross-Talk* is my business, so I don't think it would be possible for me to make a meaningful observation on that subject (nor would be fair to laud my enviable situation over those who read this article). However, I do have a few comments regarding friendships...

Those who I have been friends with have, for many years, been either members of the gender community or have known of my crossdressing (pre-1990) or transgenderism (since then). I made a decision in 1987, when I first became an activist in our community, that I would not be secretive about my activities, only cautious about them. The result is that those who were my true friends prior to my transition remain my true friends to this day. It has been said that the definition of a friend is someone who loves you, "no matter what." Being a CD or TG truly tests that definition.

Yes, I have lost friends because of my activities, but in retrospect, I realize that they weren't really my friends. And yes, I have had relationships break apart because of this, but how long could they have honestly lasted with my activism hidden? Not long, I would wager. The one advantage I have in this regard now is that a new friend or romantic interest likes me because of who I am. No secrets.

I think my friend Terri said it best a few weeks ago. Terri is a bisexual female, and although we are not romantically involved, we are very close friends, which she believes is due to the aspects of my personality that she can relate to. Terri shares practically every aspect of her life with me—her high points and her low ones—and she says it's because I listen to her and give her good advice...in short, being a friend. (When I asked her if I could mention her in this article, she said it was OK with her, then added that she felt we wouldn't have been such good friends if I was still living as a man.)

Which answers another of my correspondent's questions: Do women accept me as a girlfriend? For the most part, yes. I have more female friends than male ones, and most of my male friends—better than 98%—are members of our community. Men (in the mainstream) tend to take me at face value, too: I find myself occasionally having to

reject unwanted advances from men. (I find that telling men I'm a lesbian frequently ends their attention; it's only **then** that they look at me as if I'm from another planet.) This I find fascinating. I'm a little over 6' tall, and my preferred day-to-day attire is an oversized t-shirt over leggings and running shoes. Since, dressed in this way, I look like most genetic females my age, my height and husky (for a girl) build would, one would think, discourage men from "hitting on me." I guess they all want Amazons; I wish some of those bisexual women I meet on the bus did, too.

(By the way, **why** do Hispanic males think it's a compliment to honk at me or shout sexual advances at me when I'm walking down the street? I've asked other women and they feel just as frustrated about it as I do.)

My manicurist relates to me as a woman, too. In fact, she occasionally slips and refers to my period when I have a burning reaction to the acrylic compound (apparently, females are more sensitive to it during that time of the month), then corrects herself when my blank stare reminds her what I am. She says I'm a "typical broad," and I am the only person in the gender community that she feels comfortable having as a client.

The funny thing is that, although I do wear makeup, I do keep my hair color-weaved blonde, and I do keep a set of acrylic nails (all of which "complete" my feminine appearance), I don't make that concerted an effort to feminize my voice *per se*. Most of the effort I make in that regard has less to do with pitch and timbre than it does with vocabulary: I tend to use adjectives and verbs that are more associated with the female of the species than the male, and I've been using that glossary for so long that I don't even consciously realize that's what I do. Yet, with the exception of the telephone, where there's no "face value" to take into account, almost no one seems to notice my voice is still within a male register!

But the most important thing I've discovered in three years of being a transgenderist is that I'm so comfortable with myself that **I don't care** if someone "reads" me anymore. And the reason for that is that most people who might realize the truth simultaneously realize that I don't have any problem at all being who and what I am. And that, to a large degree, inhibits people from saying anything.

So, why am I a transgenderist? Because I know I'm not a transsexual, yet I know I am a woman. I discovered, more than a dozen years ago, that you don't **have** to be a female in order to live in a gender role normally reserved for females. At one time I thought I **was** a TS, but 30 months of therapy with Dr. Bill Heard and conversations with Joanna Clark (now Sister Mary Elizabeth) helped me realize that sex **does not**, in any way, automatically define a gender role.

My social involvement with the lesbian community has reinforced this belief. Some of my best friends are dykes, and they tend to be among the most accepting of my lifestyle. (I personally believe that they view being a TG as being a parallel to their lifestyle; I live as Kym because I need to orient more toward my feminine personality aspects, and they tap more strongly into their masculine personality aspects.)

But it would be impossible—as I indicated at the outset—for me to directly contrast my previous life as a CD with my present life as a TG, because the perceptions have changed gradually as I have adjusted to life as an ersatz female. I find that my thought patterns, my attitudes, my behaviors—indeed, my entire life—is more woman-oriented than "male in drag"-oriented.

My correspondent indicated that her situation is still a bit precarious; she has had to maintain a second apartment for her femme self because her wife is having difficulty supporting her and her two teenaged children are unaware of their father's predilection. She says she is "on edge" for a couple of days after each outing *en femme*, even though she does so two or three times a week, and has expressed an interest in living entirely as a woman outside of work. She wonders if this is a desire to live "closer to the edge" and to challenge the risks and goals of living as a woman, rather than a gender condition.

My reality is that I am Kym because I **need** to be Kym in order to feel complete as a person. I have no regrets about leaving Kevin behind, because there is nothing about that persona that I feel any need to emulate. So it's a gender condition, as far as I'm concerned. I don't present myself as an extreme of crossdressing, nor do I believe that anywhere near the majority of crossdressers will ultimately wind up where I am. But I do believe this is a logical alternative that should be considered by anyone who "thinks" they are TS.

So, since this article was, in some part, an answer to my subscriber's letter, I guess a little advice is in order. If you feel the need to express your feminine side, then crossdress. If you feel the need to be a woman 24 hours a day, seven days a week, then consider that you don't have to be a female to be a woman and look to my experiences as an inspiration: Be a TG. If you "think" you're TS, do yourself a favor and consider my lifestyle as an option to SRS (odds are you don't need the surgery anyway). But wherever you fall in the scheme of things genderwise, realize that the most important thing is to be **who** you are, not **what** you are.

Being Kym Richards isn't being a "transgenderist," it's being a woman. Maybe that's why I felt the way I did when I needed to leave California Dreamin', because I have less in common with the crossdressers (and the "drag queen" mentality that seems to pervade these events) than I do with the women I interface with in my day-to-day existence.

It's not a fantasy to me. It's real life.

TRAPPED: We Build Our Own Prisons

by Cori Hess

As a member of the transgendered community, the feeling of being "trapped" as a result of being transgendered is an experience that I have heard many people discuss. It is certainly a feeling that I have dealt with myself for most of my life. However, it wasn't until I was asked to write an article to discuss and describe my experiences with this concept of being "trapped" that I realized I had never really **defined** what it meant to me to be "trapped." Indeed, I had never even defined what the "trap" I felt I was in actually was! I thought that the "trap" was my transgenderism, but I was wrong. When I began to take a closer look at my feelings, I discovered that I had to look at my past feelings in a new light, and then I had to relate those past feelings to the feelings and perceptions that I have today. In doing so I discovered that I had gone through an "evolutionary" process that continues to this day, undoubtedly guiding me into tomorrow.

The experiences of my early years probably parallel the experiences of many people within the transgendered community. My earliest memories are of wanting to be a girl. I would often pray (when no one was listening) that God would magically transform me into a girl, and no one would ever know that I was ever a boy. And of course, of sneaking to take advantage of opportunities to play dress-up in my sister's clothes, and lose myself in a make-believe world of little-girl femininity. But I was still very young. At this point, all this was just great fun. I didn't realize that I had a "situation" to deal with. Yet, even at that age I was intuitive enough to know that what I felt was somehow "different," and that I should keep these feelings to myself (a bad idea, in retrospect). It wasn't until my teenage years that I realized that my "situation" was more than just the fun of dressing up and constant daydreaming. All of a sudden there were new factors involved. I was starting to interact more socially, and I was starting to form the basis of my religious and moral beliefs.

Socially, I sensed that my feminine feelings and desires were very different from the "norm" (whatever that is), and I adjusted the way I interacted with people as a result. I kept more to myself. I guarded my feelings and thoughts from people and from my family. I became overly aware of the things I said and did, lest I betray my secrets. And, without realizing I was doing so, I began to build the walls of my prison, I began to design my own trap.

I learned not to trust people with anything other than superficial thoughts and feelings. I learned to hold people at a safe distance, to isolate and protect myself and my secret feelings. I learned to say the sorts of things that people expected to hear. In short, I learned to lie and to deceive not only others, but myself as well.

I learned to hide my feelings, all feelings, from other people. The real problem with doing this was that I hid them from myself as well. Things started to get confusing. How did I really feel? I showed one face to the world, but kept my true face turned inward. I had no close friends, and very darn few casual ones. I had no one to talk with about my desires and my sense of gender confusion. What was I feeling? Why did I feel as though I wanted to be a girl? What was this attraction to feminine fashion? What was "wrong" with me? All this began before the age of 16, before I had even learned the word **transvestism**.

Of course, about this time, I also began to notice girls in a new way. I was attracted to them sexually. Or was I? It became very confusing. I would see an attractive girl, and get flooded with a variety of thoughts like, "Boy, I'd like to go out with her," or, "I'd give anything to be that pretty," and things like, "Boy she's pretty. I'll bet that outfit is fun to wear," and, "If I were a girl as pretty as she, I'd wear prettier clothes." It became confusing to the point where I began blocking out thoughts that conflicted. My mind went into a self-defense mode that avoided, ignored, or denied those thoughts and feelings that were confusing and hard to deal with.

I spent more time alone in my thoughts, more concerned with my fantasies than with reality. I became more isolated from others and from my own feelings. I began losing my personality. I felt I had to hide myself from everyone. I became more and more isolated, individualistic, as I liked to think of it at the time. But I was not gaining individualism, I was losing any real sense of identity that I had. I felt as though I had no viable options, that my course was set and I was powerless to change it. I had tried abandoning my fantasies and feminine yearnings, but to no avail. Indeed, I instead discovered that a truth denied is a truth made stronger in its insistence to be realized.

About this time, I discovered the term **transvestism**. And, gee, what a frightening definition it had! I was beginning to live up to all the negative aspects of the term as it was "defined" and "explained" in psychological writings at the time. I felt hopeless. Time went by and I continued adding bricks to the walls of my prison. They were getting pretty tall and strong by now, but not as formidable as they would become. Music was important to me, and I began having strong associations with certain music, the words of which had particular meaning for me at the time. Songs like Simon and Garfunkle's "I Am A Rock," a portion of which I quote:

> I've enwalled
> A fortress deep and mighty;
> That none may penetrate.
> I have no need of friendship;
> Friendship causes pain.
> It's laughter and it's nothing
> I disdain.

There are many other songs whose words seemed to echo my feelings, justify my feelings of rejection and re-enforce my path of isolationism. I didn't realize the trap that I was building for myself (and wouldn't, until years later). I was simply finding solace wherever I could. I

blamed things outside of my control for my situation. After all, I didn't ask to be born with these desires, did I?

At age 19, another complicating factor entered my life. I discovered Christianity. I accepted Christ as my personal Savior. I loved (then and now) the things He stands for and the hope He offers. But this was to do me little good at the time. I now tossed my Christian searching into the emotional mess I already had, and the result was guilt. Deep guilt that made me hate myself and think of myself as sick and perverted, unworthy of God's love, and unable to acquire salvation unit I was able to do something about this terrible demon of transvestism that lived in me. Let me digress just briefly at this point and say that I believe that the orthodox western "Christian" **religion** is, in my opinion, one of the bigger stumbling blocks to rewarding, meaningful Christian **faith** that there is. I had to learn this the hard way, and it took many years to do so.

So, then, with this negative perception of myself, burdened with guilt, unsure of my identity, and feeling powerless to escape my trap (you know, the one I was building, but blamed on everything else), I entered my twenties. Not full of joy and excitement for the future, but instead filled with anger, resentment towards my situation, and bitterness towards life and towards myself.

My twenties and early thirties were a time of perfecting the craftsmanship that went into the building of the walls of my prison. I became more negative in my views towards others and towards life. I became completely dissociated from other people. I was no longer (if I ever was) capable of experiencing any sort of relationship with others. I had no friends. I did not date. I learned how to be a taker and not a giver. I spent my time alone for the most part, stuck in a negative-feedback mode that added solidarity to the wall, now very formidable, that I had built. I still I did not realize what my true prison was. I was still doing battle with my transgenderism and sense of sexual identity.

In my mid- to late-twenties, I had discovered I could "pass" publicly as a girl. As wonderful as I felt about that, it actually made my life worse at the time. It broke down obstacles before I was ready. Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed all the times that I spent as a girl. However, it gave me a tainted picture that was impacting my perceptions of myself. I began to let other people's perceptions and opinions of my "appropriate" identity influence my own perceptions. So my confusion became even worse. I felt even more "trapped" now than I did before I realized I could pass!

Finally, things got so bad and so confused that I reached the point where I even turned my back on my admittedly misguided Christian faith, blaming God for all my problems, and sincerely believing that I was cursed by God. I no longer wanted life or what it held for me. Nothing had meaning. My life was worse than empty—it was cursed. By this time I had spent too much of my life in pain, too much time crying alone, late at night, on my knees, in pain and hopelessness, with no one to turn to, no one there with me as I cried. I cursed my life and I cursed my God, and I told Him that I wanted nothing to do with Him, and that I wanted to die. I had had enough. The trap I had built had worked beautifully. It was at the point of killing my spirit and my body. I had built my trap too well.

I spent more time alone. . . concerned with my *fantasies* than with reality.

It was at this point, the point of my utter failure, the point of my surrender and defeat, that a truly wondrous thing happened to me. God, the God that I had cursed, gently caught my dying spirit and, through His Son, breathed the breath of life back into it, and revealed to me some basic truths that I desperately want all struggling transgendered Christians to **know,** to **understand,** and to **accept**. What I learned that one late night, on my knees, praying for an end to my worthless life, is that God's love for me is **unconditional**. He revealed to me in that moment that I did not have to earn His love. He loved me and accepted me as I was, at that moment. He loved me and valued me, regardless of my gender orientation, desires, or confusion, and He did not want me to die. He revealed to me that my transgenderism was not a curse at all, instead it is a vehicle that He could use to help me to grow, and hopefully, to reach out to others in situations similar to my own and help them. That night was an experience that literally turned my life upside down. I will cherish that experience forever.

My perceptions changed completely. I began to recognize that I was the one who had built the trap that nearly destroyed me. But, more importantly, I began to realize that there really was no trap at all. The one I had perceived and had imposed upon myself was nothing more than just that—self-imposed perceptions. I began to realize the power of the freedom that God had given to me through His Son. Slowly but surely, I am unlearning the negative things I brought into my life, and I am learning the things that bring true value to life. Things like compassion and understanding. I am learning how to give, and I am learning how to accept myself and others. I am learning to see the pain in others, and to reach out to help, in whatever small way I am able.

I am growing in my Christian faith, and my transgenderism is a part of that growth. I am learning to appreciate my maleness in positive ways, rather than hating and rejecting it in total. Doing so has brought new depth of meaning to my appreciation of my feminine self. For I am both male and female, as I think most, if not all, of us are. Most importantly, I believe, is that I learned that I am not trapped. I have choices and opportunities, and I have the power to make decisions and to determine for myself what is important in my life, and I have a Savior who loves me and will guide

me as I make those decisions. There is tremendous freedom in this realization. Being transgendered is no longer a constant inward battle of opposing forces—it is an opportunity to grow and to learn and to help others. And for this, I thank the God I once cursed, who loved me enough to catch me as I fell.

TRAPPED

I have died.
Having lived long enough,
Or, perhaps,
Not at all.
Having seen the emptiness
That lies within me-
Itself a living thing
That stalks and hunts;
Craving that within me
Which is all that gives me life-
I run.
Torn between myself and myself
I am nothing;
Dead to all things;
Seeking even pain
To show that I feel;
That I live.
That I have a beating heart;
That within me dwells a Soul
That longs for nothing
Save to experience life.
Yet life is but the sum
Of the love one can give to others.
An accounting of the compassion,
An outpouring to others
Of tenderness; forgiveness.
Acceptance.
Finding nothing of myself,
No love within my dead soul;
Devoid of passion,
Bereft of feeling,
Deprived of emotion-
I have nothing to give to others.
Empty even of tears
I sit alone,
Longing to touch,
To feel and to love,
To find it within me to give.
But I have died.
Long ago, it must be;
The Soul within me
Trapped, bound, and made prisoner-
Unable to reach out;
Locked within cages
Within cages.
Seeking only to receive
What it cannot seem
To even give away.
I have died.
Having lived long enough,
Or,
Perhaps,
Not at all.

Reviving The Tradition Of Alternative Genders

by Holly Boswell

While contemporary societies still seem determined to polarize gender along strictly anatomical lines, the vast majority of cultures throughout history and around the globe understand that anatomical sex does not dictate gender identification any more than it does sexual orientation. Gender isn't black or white, masculine or feminine, but a glorious rainbow of possibilities. Ancient Goddess religions and other natural spiritual world-views respected men and women as equals, regarded Nature as divine, revered *diversity* and loved all manifestations of life.

Since the replacement of Mother Nature with God the Father (about 5,000 years ago), the constructs of gender have been defined more narrowly and rigidly to suit the purposes of those in control of each particular society. Ancient people before this era apparently knew that such traits as sensitivity and nurturance were not exclusive to females, nor aggressiveness and competitiveness exclusive to males. For example, did you know that up until World War I in the U.S., pink was for boys and blue was for girls. Just how arbitrary are our current notions of gender, anyway?

Once the concept of gender is freed from various cultural expectations of sex, the terms *masculine* and *feminine* become so relative that they are virtually meaningless. The Bem Sex Role Inventory (BSRI) lists 200 personality characteristics such as : analytical, gentle, independent, sympathetic, idealistic and worldly. It is understood that each culture assigns different groupings of traits to each sex and leaves some in the neutral category. No trait is intrinsically masculine or feminine, though a few are more commonly attributable. As a culture evolves, it defines and redefines which traits are appropriate for each sex through the forced linkage of sex with gender. Imagine a non-polarized culture where each person is free to explore and express their own unique set of traits. So much human potential would be unleashed that both the individual and the culture as a whole could self-actualize *en masse*.

Therapists today acknowledge that andro-gyny—one's personal blending of so-called mas-culine and feminine traits—is the healthiest model for self-actualization and fulfillment. This entails a process of transcending social conditioning in order to more fully become uniquely ourselves. C. G. Jung called this process *individuation,* and recognized that a reconciliation with one's inner contrasexual energy (the feminine *anima* in men, and the masculine *animus* in women) was the key to *wholeness*—a word that is related to *health* and *holiness*. If most people were honest about it, they would probably find themselves somewhere in

the middle of the bell-shaped curve of gender distribution rather than the Rambo/Bimbo extremes.

While many people have androgynous potential, the tradition of a *third sex* involves a minority within which these tendencies are much more pronounced. These are the truly transgendered, who have profound difficulty conforming to polarized codes of gender, and whose gender identities stray far beyond the normal expectations of their sex. Such people are too often unaware that they have a strong, persistent tradition of predecessors: the *berdache* in Native North America, *shamans* in Siberia and the Arctic, *hijras* in India, *xanith* in the Middle East, *Gallae* in the Roman Empire, certain Druid *priestesses* in Old Europe, the *mahu* of Polynesia, one-breasted *amazons* and many more. These were people who commonly assumed the roles of spiritual leaders, mediators, teachers, visionaries and healers. But, where are they now? If the intuitive knowledge within this tradition is correct, that there is an abundance of transgendered people being born during this period of time to help restore balance and heal our troubled planet, what are we doing? Do we need a wake up call?

Because of Western civilization's emphasis on materialism and its inherent polarization, most transgendered people are manifesting as their assumed opposite, either through crossdressing or sex reassignment surgery. This is often motivated more by a need to assimilate than by a quest toward truly becoming oneself, which would otherwise revive the forgotten *oddity* of a third sex.

Alternative gender may be regarded as a composite of masculine and feminine traits, but is essentially unique unto itself—a distinct neitherness—where spirit takes precedence over form. Whereas crossdressing may vicariously lead to gender insights, and transsexualism appropriately correct those who see their gender/anatomy variance as a problem, transgenderism (in its full sense) can lead to a potent activation of new and healthy *alternative gender* expression. Gender is, after all, a psychosocial construct, rather than mere physicalization.

If we, the transgendered, were to truly follow our spiritual longings, where might they lead? Indeed, how might we ideally transform ourselves *and* our culture? If we were to more effectively express our unique truth and beauty, to those in our daily lives as well as the media that sensationalize us, what might we accomplish? *Gender liberation* is a crucial key to human evolution, promoting the idea that we should strive to be *wholegendered,* cultivating *all* our gender traits to meet the critical challenges of our time.

Rather than a call to "arms," can we not accept our personal gender challenges as a "call to heart"? If perhaps we only have this one lifetime, can we not live it with honesty and compassion—for ourselves as well as for our loved ones? Are we not, after all, a blessing rather than a curse?

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The Bibical Message: Overcoming Alienation

by Patrick W. Grace Conover

"Jesus loves me this I know,
for the Bible tells me so . . . "

This familiar couplet from the best known of Christian songs for children tells of the good news that each of us is loved by God. It is the core message of Jesus and of the New Testament.

When asked by a lawyer to tell the greatest commandment, Jesus responded,

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

At another point, Jesus confronted a lawyer who quoted the above commandment but wanted to know, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus responded with the story of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10: 290-37) It is an uncompromising response. Jesus made us look to one who is full of love and generosity but is not "one of us." The antipathy of the lawyer for Samaritans was certainly as strong as the homophobia that is so divisive in this era.

Most of us welcome the good news, the gospel, that God loves us even in the midst of our shortcomings. It is harder to accept that God loves the people that we don't love. It is harder still to face the challenge of loving those from whom we feel estranged. It is a particular challenge for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight people within the church to love each other and overcome their estrangement. But, this is a crucial Christian challenge in this time. We love the same God. Jesus calls us all to community, to be the body of the church.

The core Christian message that God loves us all is at the heart of the most-used passage for Christian evangelism. John 3:16 tells us of God as a parent sending Jesus to us because of loving the whole world. It is an attractive beginning point because people are hungry to hear that they are loved and accepted. But, in the next verse, Jesus pushes the point further. The Son of God is sent, not so the world may be judged, but so the world might be saved.

It is a deep shame of Christianity that our most precious gospel words have been misused to sanction hatred and violence. How painful it is that the proclamation of Christian love has been misused to foster exclusion and division. Some Christians would have gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people deny their expression of passionate love in stead of affirming that all love is a gift of God and a channel of grace. How destructive it is that scripture has been misused to distract our attention from the core biblical voice that cries for justice within our society and deepened koinonia within our congregations.

The first five books of Hebrew Scripture comprise the Torah or "Law." As compared to meticulous attention to rules for sacrifice, for family management, or for the handling of food, there are only two condemnations of homosexuality. (Leviticus 18:22, 20:13) Both these verses in the "Holiness Code" concern only males and are items in a list of sexual laws. The Holiness Code regarded <u>any</u> emission of semen from a man as a source of uncleanness and a bar to entering the temple. In short, homosexuality was not a major concern of Hebrew scripture, of Jesus, or of the New Testament. Homosexuality is not mentioned in the four gospels. Most of the texts that some people hold up as condemning homosexuality have instead to do with condemning rape or violence, or with violating the expectations of hospitality.

Jesus was also questioned by lawyers concerning the intricacies of divorce. In responding, Jesus took the opportunity to make it clear that the Torah laws about excluding eunuchs from the temple were the sort of cultural bias which is overcome by the freedom of the gospel. (Matthew 19:12) The leadership of Jesus at this point is a clear indication of how Christians should work with scripture. We are to look for the life-giving truth that overcomes the limits of its cultural context. Some marks of such truth come with the questions as to what is life-giving, loving and just.

The theme of God's love for everyone can only be understood in unity with the understanding that God is the creator of everyone. (Genesis 1:27-28) As part of God's creation each one of us is good. Our sin is our alienation from God and from ourselves, and that alienation flows from denying the love that is within us. Gay, straight, lesbian, transgendered and bisexual, each of us is challenged to accept the good love that is within our soul and to express our sexuality in loving and responsible ways. With this grounding we must go forward to respect the human dignity of each individual, oppose laws that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or restrict the behavior of consenting adults.

Our generation is freshly confronted by cultural sources of alienation that would divide straight people from gay and lesbian and bisexual people. In fact, our current society seems much more distressed about such things than were the biblical cultures. In any case, we won't go far wrong if we start from the core messages of God's love for us and for the rest of the world. Sometimes it is hard to love others the way God does. Sometimes it is hard to figure out what loving others requires us to do. But, in the midst of all our policy debates, let us make sure that the core biblical message is adequately proclaimed the love of God overcomes all sources of hatred and division.

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Danielle & Melissa:

Transsexual and Proud

by Diane Peterson

In the seven months they have been Shanti volunteers with the Crossings Program, Danielle and Melissa have made their mark. The Crossings Program provides volunteers to work with people with HIV/AIDS (PWA) who are homeless, transgendered, children, or who live in indigent neighborhoods. Being a volunteer with Danielle and Melissa taught me a lot more about the transgendered community, and gave me insight into my role as a volunteer.

Most people don't know much about the transgendered community. Many don't know the difference between a crossdresser and a transsexual. As I talked to different people about writing this article and about my experience with Danielle and Melissa, I was asked questions from what is a transvestite, to why aren't there more visible transsexuals out there fighting for their rights. Suddenly, I was "the expert." My knowledge began with a project I did in high school on crossdressing and transsexuals which was inspired by Renée Richards' coming out as a transsexual. This gave me a basis for filtering news of the transgender community that appeared in the media. Since working with the Crossings Program, I have done a lot more research in this area. Laura Smiley's letter, "Information Concerning My Gender Shift from Larry to Laura," in *Tapestry* #63 gave me more insight and clarity on these painful issues.

People don't understand that a transsexual is medically correcting a physical defect that they have been living with since they were born. Transsexuals do not wake up one day and decide to become a boy or a girl. The shift takes years of therapeutic and medical treatment. In many cases the transition process can take a productive and socially welcome individual and transform him or her into an outcast overnight. They could lose family, friends, jobs, homes, . . .

The transgender community in San Francisco and the East Bay is large. There are many transsexuals with AIDS who have successful careers and thriving family lives. They avoid seeing a doctor for fear of discrimination and of being found out at work when their insurance papers are filed. They could lose their job, and possibly their home. Their condition will become serious before they seek professional help.

Danielle and Melissa bring their own experience of discrimination and harassment by employers, doctors, and hospitals to their work with PWAs. Before she came out as a transsexual, Melissa read everything she could about it. But, when she actually started living as a woman 24 hours a day, seven days a week, she had to throw it all out because it did not begin to prepare her for what was going to happen: she lost all support from her family. When Danielle began living full-time as a woman, she lost her lover and their adopted son. Losing her son, she confided, was the hardest thing that ever happened in her life. Most of Danielle's family accept her and Melissa. Her sister and brother-in-law have asked them to move back to Connecticut to be a closer part of their two niece's lives.

Like most people who volunteer for PWA support organizations, Danielle and Melissa found their work to be a rewarding way to brighten up someone's life for a short period of time. They soon realized they could give more of themselves than they had expected. They found they were spending more than the Shanti-suggested four hours per week giving support to people with AIDS because, *How can you turn your back on somebody who really needs help?*

Danielle and Melissa have provided support to many people living with the AIDS virus. Some were clients assigned to them by Shanti, others were referred to them by friends, and others were people they had just met in the Castro, a predominantly gay neighborhood in San Francisco. It wasn't long before they developed from Shanti volunteers to model volunteers for the transgender PWA community.

A good support system contributed to the success of Danielle and Melissa fulfilling their volunteer experience. Those Shanti volunteer support group meetings were not just a good excuse for a pot-luck dinner. They were also a safe place to be free of judgment to discuss the bad times as well as the good times spent as a volunteer to PWAs. Everybody comes into these meetings equally vulnerable in discussing personal emotions.

Danielle and Melissa's unique contribution lay with the transgender issue. They started to communicate with Shanti about the need to do outreach in the transgendered community, and the need to educate volunteers about transgender issues. Because Danielle and Melissa were concerned that transsexuals with AIDS were dying alone and homeless, with no place to go, they began doing their own outreach to the transgender community. But this was too much for them to continue on their own. Now that they have moved to the east coast, I fear that outreach into the transgender PWA community will be set aside until more people like them come along with the determination and motivation to continue where they left off.

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The years of ostracism, harassment, and discrimination have made outreach to this community doubly difficult. The transgender community has banded together like a close-knit family to protect itself. Thus it remains invisible. A successful transsexual blends into the environment undetected. It may take time before transsexuals with AIDS will trust outreach workers enough to talk to them because they think nobody cares. Danielle and Melissa stress the importance of communicating to the transgender community that Shanti provides a safe place for transgender PWAs.

Danielle and Melissa believe the Shanti volunteer trainings need to include more information on transgender issues. They were involved in a couple of trainings where they spoke about TG issues, but there is only so much two "volunteers" can be asked to do. There should be additional trainings available for people who are interested in learning more about transgender issues. Danielle recommended that Shanti ask people from the transgender community to come and speak. A psychiatrist or psychologist who works with transgender people could also make a presentation. Since Shanti is reaching out to the transgender community, Shanti needs to provide transgender clients with educated and understanding volunteers.

Quite by surprise, I became a more understanding volunteer. Danielle suggested to me that I should take just one day and crossdress as a man—meaning that I would wear all men's clothes, down to my underwear. I thought, "I could do that." She continued, "Bind your breasts, wear a mustache, and, as you walk down the street, act like a man! Pass yourself off as a man to everyone on the street. Go into a men's bar. Now, take this idea seriously and really think about it." I did, and it was a scary thought. For a short time, just the idea of crossdressing to be convincing gave me the feeling of vulnerability.

How can you turn your back on somebody who really needs HELP?

Maybe if I had taken Danielle's suggestion and crossdressed for one day, I would have a better notion of what it feels like to be faced with that situation every day. But, the fact is, I do have a choice, an easy choice: Do I crossdress as a man to possibly experience what it feels like to be a transsexual? No. I was not willing to commit myself to just one day of crossdressing. Not only because I didn't take the suggestion seriously enough to physically go through the motions of crossdressing, but the emotional involvement of crossdressing, even for just one day, would have been too hard.

Danielle has been living as a woman for 6 years, and Melissa for 4 years. They have been together for 4 years and could not have a better support system than each other. In the short time they were with Shanti, they gave a lot of themselves to PWAs in the transgender community, and to the other volunteers. Maybe consciously they didn't have a choice. "We're transsexuals. . . . We are not hiding anymore. We have hidden all of our lives. We have rights and we have dignity. If others don't respect that, we don't want anything to do with them." I think Shanti and the Bay Area community is losing one fabulous team!

Something. . .

by RuthAnn Wynn

In retrospect it should have been obvious to me at an early age that I was not blessed with the user-friendly clay tabernacle that most of my contemporaries seemed to have. My earthly habitation did not seem to respond to the instructions my user manual indicated applied. I thought that whatever difficulties I was having learning how to operate myself would be of a short term nature. When I was growing up, even though it was readily apparent to me that some of the emotional impulses I was receiving were a bit aberrant by the standards of the day, I always felt confident that they would abate once I got older if I just persevered.

The precedent of following a previously established standard was important to me since I was raised in a very conservative, almost xenophobic, religious movement. The basic ingredient in the formula to combat life's challenges was obedience to certain spiritual laws which came with a guarantee of unlimited happiness down the road somewhere. As I got older and my being "a good little fellow" didn't seem to be working, I started contemplating, at least theoretically, the option of physical emasculation. This then was going to be my ace in the hole if these impulses didn't moderate. Really! Doesn't it all have to do with the libido? Let's just disconnect the damn thing if it don't work right.

For those of you whose religious orientation may parallel mine, I am sure you can understand that the God I believe in could not possibly have created someone like me. This condition must be something I am responsible for either directly or indirectly. For those raised in more liberal or unstructured surroundings, this perception will undoubtedly seem flawed. Nevertheless, this

institution created considerable psychological baggage, some of which I still carry.

As a result of this mind-set, I was convinced that exploration deep into my psyche on this matter would not do much for my self esteem. Consequently, I chose to deal with my situation by suppressing it to the best of my ability. (Unfortunately, I am evidently not much good at long-term suppression. Fortunately, it hasn't negatively affected my self image, just changed it a bit.)

So I proceeded, like everyone else, sometimes merrily, and sometimes not so merrily, down life's path with a set of goals designed to bring happiness, even in orthodox Christendom. These benchmarks were religious service, gaining an education and marrying and raising a family. Even though I was successful to some extent in this quest, my inner frustration remained in terms of my identity.

My feelings about this ambiguous identity were not always overwhelming, mind you, but they were always lurking around somewhere, ready to cause psychological turmoil at a moment's notice. When these feelings would suddenly present themselves, I would react like a patient with a terminal illness. I went through stages of denial, anger, frustration and resignation without any discernable progress being made. In the denial stage, which represents the major portion of my life thus far, I couldn't bring myself to deal with the possible ramifications of my feelings. Then one day I happened to overhear a conversation from a television program one of my children was watching. "Hey, that's me they're describing, with some minor modifications."

I hurried into the bedroom where I programmed the VCR to tape the rest of the program so I could watch it later on in privacy. This would have to be a furtive endeavor. I wasn't going back out in the living room and show any interest whatsoever in the subject matter. Someone would surely guess my secret and, at that point, I was certain it would be something I should be ashamed of.

Anyway, later that evening, I watched the proceedings with more than casual interest. At the conclusion of the program an address was given where one could write for further information. This address languished for weeks in my Day Planner. Eventually, however, I took courage, donned my dark glasses, rolled up my collar and took the letter to the post office where it would start a surreptitious, but very important journey.

I received the requested information.

I don't need compassion. . . I need

empathy.

Hurrah! Right? Not really. Now I was forced to deal with the distinct possibility that through some cosmic clerical error I might have a defective motherboard. So initially I didn't feel any better knowing not only the possible causes of my condition, but also the prognosis. Oh, well.

Eventually I decided to tell what I had learned to my spouse, from whom I was becoming increasingly alienated (not necessarily because of this), to a couple of my older children and to a parent. Not for acceptance, mind you, but for catharsis. This may have been selfish, but it was important to me.

To one of this select group I ultimately presented a couple of books on the subject. It was interesting to note the reaction by this sweet person as the reading material was accepted. I was not sure whether the recipient was more intent on camouflaging the literature, to prevent anyone seeing her with it, or disinfecting it in case my condition was contagious. The literature seemed hot, real hot.

The collective reaction to my disclosure was not particularly surprising. None condemned me, and the consensus was that it was really a dirty deal. Furthermore, just in case I wanted an opinion, I should carry on being a "good boy" well past the century mark or until death, whichever came first. Then God would make it up to me for any inconvenience suffered. Again, I seemed to be dealing in the futures market. Such a deal.

Over the past few months I have experienced extreme emotional pain at this awakening I evidently subconsciously sought. From the time I was old enough to question this subtlety of personality I had always felt that I would like to know why I was the way I was. However, now that some answers had been provided, there was a certain uncomfortable dichotomy in my existence.

Here is the dilemma. I am convinced that those closest to me can't really give me the help and direction I need with this particular problem. I don't need compassion when discussing my situation, I need empathy. I need to soul search with someone who knows basically how I feel, not someone who commiserates with me because of the way I feel. Therein lies the problem. I have a lifelong negative prejudice towards my situation. I find I view the T community with a certain amount of skepticism. I can't help this initial reaction for it has been inculcated for many, many years as part of my conservative upbringing. So, as I said, I can't help it, but I can and I must work on it. I feel a partial success as I am developing a certain fondness for the community publications and periodicals, whereas when I first received them, the feelings they generated would have to have been called bizarre.

What little sense of humor I have has certainly come in handy in dealing with this, the ultimate mid-life crisis. It's exciting, in a perverse sort of way, to have this challenge at this point in my journey. I'm sure life could have drifted towards the tedious and commonplace. Fat chance now.

The Road To Tomorrow

by Linda Buten

I remember sitting in a small hotel conference room in Skokie, Illinois. We had our chairs in a circle. Someone named Merissa, was trying to explain to us, about a new organization that she was forming, to be called the International Foundation for Gender Education. She was asking for people to get involved on a national level. I had already been active locally for over five years, and I liked what she was selling so I took an interest. I guess the last thing I ever expected, was to be hauled in, hook, line, and sinker.

Yes, that seems like a long time ago, but I still remember it like yesterday. I tell you this because if you had not been around in those early days, it can sometimes be very difficult to understand where IFGE was starting from, what our hopes were for the future, and how we got to the present.

That day, Merissa was describing her dreams: a visionary's collection of missions and goals, bordering the unrealistic, yet somehow seemingly plausible. Even though most of the room was still too afraid to step out in public, she had recruited yet another handful of followers for the gender movement. Perhaps not much different than the dreams of Martin Luther King, nor those of the first pilgrims. She became an inspiration to many that day. IFGE was now becoming reality.

The plan was simple. Bring together the brightest and the most talented individuals from our community, and work together as a team for the common good of all. There were no real guide lines for administration. Just follow your heart, and it will lead to a brighter future. In the beginning, this worked just fine, but it didn't last. IFGE was no sooner born, than it took off in huge growing spurts. In a very short period, IFGE leaped from the infant stage to the pre-teen years, at a rate much faster than the founders could ever have imagined. As outreach encroached, new leaders poured in from the grassroots. Previously unimaginable goals were now being considered. But new problems had arisen. The board was becoming a collection of strong-willed, highly motivated, and extraordinarily talented individuals. Twenty-one minds with varied backgrounds, and very different ideas on how business was to be conducted. We had to learn to work together, and put our priorities in order. The past several years during this transition were hard on many people, but they were vital to the cause.

The mom-and-pop days of IFGE are over. We have evolved into a big business. A necessary step for credibility in the real world. This is important with helping professionals, news media, and other profit and non-profit companies. Someday we hope to acquire grants for research and complete self-sufficiency with the income needed to further publications and outreach on a more global level.

Now, through the years, even though progress has always been on a strong even keel, it amazes me that there are so many individuals who speculate overnight change. Impatience runs amuck with those who are not mature enough to realize that change does take time. I've seen too many of our best people get frustrated and "quit" the gender community because of what they call "lack of community," or simply put, "IFGE is going nowhere fast." Patience becomes a necessary virtue, which some of us need to take a course in. We must expel thoughts like "We will be everything for everybody." Why set goals on unobtainable ventures. Let's be realistic dreamers for a better tomorrow.

Expansion in itself, can sometimes be a difficult but necessary measure. But it certainly cannot be avoided if future goals are to be satisfied. While most of us no longer fear the "Gender Police," many of our

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present leaders are still searching for their own gender identity. Some are frantically searching for their so called "place in life." Just because one sees the light at the end of the tunnel doesn't mean it's near at hand or even fully obtainable. Although one's motives are true, personal advancement can interfere at times with logic and direction.

Understandably so, we are pioneers in the gender world. Gender perception acceptance is gained through a series of trial-and-error experiences. As in life, hard work and determination is a precursor to the rewards that follow.

For those of you who have only recently joined us in our quest to the future, I want you to pay close attention. Over the last four years that I have served on the board, I've seen a steady progression toward the ultimate goal. Each time the board meets, we take a number of steps forward. Sometimes we also step back a few. But this only means we are watching our back as well as our front. Making corrections along the way just means the final product improves. Let me give you an example. When IFGE first undertook the Coming Together Convention, one of our goals was to have professional programs for helping professionals. After four disappointing years of turn out, we knew we needed to change our methodology. "If they don't come to us, then we need to go to them," was the new approach. So we started to attend functions like the American Psychiatric Association (APA), Convention and American Association of Sex Educators, Councilors, and Therapists (AASECT). What does this mean?

Before, we were reaching out to a number you could count on one hand. At the APA alone last year, more than 3000 professionals stopped at out booth and learned about IFGE. And that's only half that attended the convention.

The bad news is, outreach in this form does not come cheap. To attend a program such as this and do it right, runs between ten to twenty thousand dollars. Donations from you are directly related to the amount of outreach we can accomplish.

It's unfortunate that we can't directly measure the effect of such programs, but we can certainly attest to the fact that *Tapestry* subscriptions are on a continual rise, and support groups and gender conventions are constantly setting new records for attendance.

For much of what IFGE would like to do, our hands are tied. The cries from the wilderness for help and understanding see no end, so we continue to strive to become stronger. Our current budget and output is ten fold what it was just a few short years ago. Yet we are still only a small candle trying to light a very large room.

This year the Board of Directors has undertaken what we call Vision 2000. It is a plan for the future designed by the Strategic Planning Committee. It analyzes the past, present, and future of IFGE. It examines the goals and needs of the gender community, and it executes mission statements with direction and purpose. This means that IFGE is reaching adulthood.

Recent publications include the *Media Guide, The Employer's Guide to Transition on the Job,* and now, four *Tapestries* per calendar year. We just finished the 'Hormone Tape for Professionals', and an Educational Video that has been in the works for 18 months. More videos, programs, publications, and research projects are on the drawing board at present so we will be quite busy in the up coming year.

And then out of nowhere I'll hear a rumor like IFGE is going out of business, the board is gone mad, Merissa got fired, or Linda's getting SRS next month. I always wonder why I am oblivious to all this. (Maybe that's why every time I see Dr. Biber he asks when I want to set my date.)

It's a shame that there will always be a few individuals who would rather sit back an scrutinize the way IFGE is run than take the effort to help improve it. If I wanted to associate with a bunch of deadbeats, I'd join my couch potato friends who help coach Monday Night Football from their living room.

IFGE is more than a handful of people, and an office in Massachusetts. It's a dream we all share. Regardless of your contribution to the gender movement, just keep in mind that we are writing History.

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Transsexual Womyn Expelled

by Janis Walworth

Walhalla, Michigan, USA — Four postoperative male-to-female transsexual lesbians were expelled from the 18th annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (MWMF) by festival security staff on the third day of the event. The four womyn, who had undergone sex change surgery from 2 to 14 years earlier, and a nontranssexual supporter attended the festival to raise consciousness among participants about the festival's policy of excluding transsexual womyn, the unclear and contradictory statement of policy in the festival literature, and issues of gender in general. Womyn opposed to transsexuals at MWMF attempted to silence them by destroying their educational materials.

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The five womyn arrived at the festival on Monday, August 9, and none encountered any difficulty gaining admittance to the festival. One of the transsexual womyn was Nancy Burkholder of New Hampshire, who had been expelled from the festival in 1991; she purchased her ticket at the front gate without incident. The other transsexual womyn were Davina Gabriel of Missouri, Wendi Kaiser of Maine, and Rica Fredrickson of Pennsylvania.

The next day, the five womyn set up a table at which they distributed literature and buttons and asked womyn who opposed the exclusionary policy to sign a petition seeking its repeal. The four transsexual womyn freely discussed their experiences as transsexuals with festival participants who approached the table.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the five womyn did workshifts in the kitchen, at the medical and emotional support areas, and at the Sober Support tent. Transsexual womyn provided medical care, including taking a hemorrhaging womon to an area hospital in the middle of the night, extended a helping hand to those in need of friendly support, and prepared food. They also attended concerts, ate meals, took showers, and shopped in the crafts bazaar with other festival participants without incident.

At approximately 4:30 pm on Thursday, Janis Walworth of Massachusetts, the nontranssexual member of the party, and Kaiser, who were staffing the literature table, were approached by two womyn, one of whom identified herself as MWMF security coordinator. She told Walworth that the transsexual womyn were in violation of the festival's "womyn-born womyn" only policy, and that they must therefore leave the festival. Walworth replied that it was not clear that the transsexual womyn were in violation of the policy as stated, since they all identified as womyn-born womyn.

The security coordinator went on to say that some festival participants had complained about the presence of the transsexual womyn at the festival, asking security to remove the transsexual womyn from the land and vowing to take matters into their own hands if security did not do so. Security felt, therefore, that it could no longer guarantee the safety of the transsexual womyn. In addition, the security womyn were reluctant to assure Walworth that she would continue to be safe at the festival since she had been seen staffing the literature table and associating with the transsexual womyn.

The festival catalogue calls upon womyn who attend the festival to dialogue and listen to one another and explicitly states that "violence against womyn in any form is not acceptable in this community, on this land." However, no apparent action was taken against the womyn who threatened Walworth and the transsexual womyn.

The security coordinator pointed out that members of the party had been openly discussing their transsexuality at the literature table, thus alerting many womyn to the fact that there were transsexuals on the land. She implied that if they had not revealed their transsexuality to anyone, they would not have been asked to leave—in effect, "Don't ask, don't tell."

The four transsexual womyn returned to their campsite and packed their belongings. However, they were delayed in leaving the

(For more information, interviews with the womyn involved, or copies of the literature distributed at the festival, contact Janis Walworth, P O Box 52, Ashby MA 01431.)

festival grounds until approximately 11:00 pm because so many womyn stopped then on their way our to express support. A contingent of leatherwomyn offered to guarantee the safety of the transsexual womyn at their campsite for the duration of the festival and strongly attempted to dissuade them from leaving. However, the transsexual womyn collectively decided to honor their agreement to cooperate with security and declined the offer.

Upon leaving the festival site, the transsexual womyn set up camp across the road on National Forest land. The following morning, they set up another literature table, along with neon pink banners proclaiming, "Transsexual Womyn Expelled from the Festival" and, "Too Out to be In!" A steady stream of womyn came out from the festival to spend time with the transsexual womyn and to express their support. They brought vegetables, soda, hamburgers, fried chicken, flowers, and encouragement. Throughout the remainder of the festival, the transsexual womyn continued to distribute literature and buttons and to talk with womyn about gender issues and the exclusionary policy. Festival participants who visited the transsexual womyn reported that sentiment inside the festival was overwhelmingly supportive of their participation in MWMF, and there was outrage at their expulsion.

Inside the festival, nontranssexual womyn ere joined by a fifth transsexual womon, Riki Anne Wilchins of New York City, who flew in to present her workshop, "21 Things You Don't Say to a Transsexual." Although Wilchins had originally planned to enter the festival, she chose to remain outside with the four expelled transsexual womyn. Womyn inside the festival who wanted to attend Wilchins' workshop unanimously agreed to move the location to the area outside the front gate. Approximately 75 womyn walked the mile to attend the two workshop sessions.

Saturday morning, when the literature table inside the festival was left unattended for a short time, all literature, buttons, display racks, signed petitions, and completed survey forms, as well as a donation can and personal property, were stolen by undetermined individuals. A womon reported seeing some of the buttons deposited in a portable toilet, which Walworth reported to MWMF security in hopes of avoiding damage to sewage pumps.

Also on Saturday, Walworth and Laura Ervin of Massachusetts, who had traveled to the festival with Burkholder in 1991, met with feminist author Kay Lee Hagan, who was acting as an official representative of the festival producers, and the security coordinator. At that meeting, Hagan disclosed that the festival producers, Barbara Price and Lisa Vogel, were the sole determiners of festival policy, and that she did not anticipate that they would change the antitranssexual policy in the near future.

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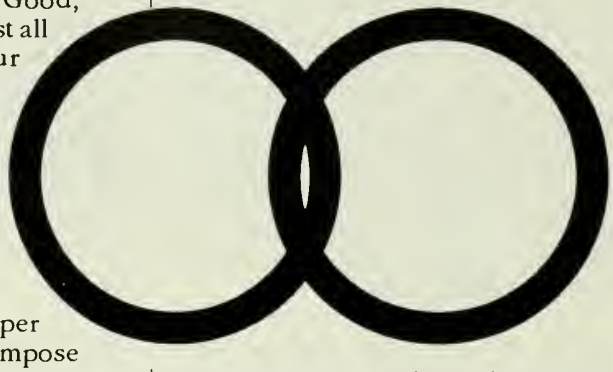
A Case For Couples Support

by Jan Nagurski

My purpose in writing this is twofold: first, to explain why the time has come for a group like the Ladies Night Out, a support group for couples in the crossdressing community, and second, to add to the body of writing on the subject of crossdressers.

A Few Definitions

Right off the bat, let me clarify a few points concerning words. Good, bad or indifferent, we must all do most of our communicating by words. It is only by common agreement on the meaning of those words that communication can even begin to work.



For the sake of this paper only, I have no wish to impose my definitions on anyone, let's define crossdresser as someone who likes to dress in the clothing appropriate to the opposite gender, for whatever reasons. This definition would, of course, include heterosexuals, transsexuals, homosexuals, bisexuals, drag queens, female impersonators, fetishists, and of course, spies.

Again, just for the sake of this paper, let's define couple as a heterosexual person in a committed relationship with a heterosexual person of the opposite gender. Thus a crossdressing couple would include a crossdresser in a committed relationship with someone of the opposite gender and would encompass the normal definitions of husband and wife, boyfriend and girlfriend, fiancé and fiancée, and the heterosexual definition of significant other. For simplicity's sake, I will refer to a crossdresser as her, and a couple as a crossdresser and her wife, and hope that you will be forbearing and accept that all the defined terms above are included in that reference.

A Disclaimer

Obviously, the ideas that I will be expressing in this paper are my own, and no one else can be blamed for them. I have no desire to offend anyone by what I write, either through commission or through omission. In fact, I specifically withhold permission for you to be offended by what I write in this paper. So, if you are gay or transsexual, or anything else on the human spectrum, do not take what I write as being against you, but rather *for* a crossdressing couple.

The Community

The crossdressing community is not only as complex as the whole human community which it mirrors, but it is also quite a bit larger than many are willing to believe. The community is becoming more organized and, to the extent that anyone identifies with any community at all, it is becoming more cohesive. The formal and organized part of our community is doing an ever-improving job of identifying and meeting the needs of its members through the myriad of large and small organizations scattered around the country, and the excellent range of publications available to us today. Dedicated and talented individuals are putting in countless thousands of hours into a labor of love—serving their community.

A Missing Factor

This admirable service to our community takes many forms—support groups, one-on-one support (e.g. the Tri-Ess Big Sister Program), newsletters, magazines, conventions, books, clothing and other supply needs, counseling—and the list grows daily. These programs, wonderful and essential as they are, generally suffer from one drawback, they address the needs of the individual and overlook the needs of the couple. Even those programs that address the needs of the spouse or significant other (such as the excellent wives' support group of the Boulton and Park Society in San Antonio, Texas), do so on an individual basis and do not generally look at the crossdresser and her wife as a living couple.

Don't try to hold me to exact numbers—I'm not sure that anyone knows them anyway—but from my research into this most fascinating subject, the majority of crossdressers are heterosexual and in a committed relationship (notwithstanding the fact that the spouse or significant other may not know about the crossdressing), and they would dearly love to have that relationship survive and blossom. I would venture to guess that those who are not in a committed relationship wish that they were. (I will even venture further with the contention that most groups have not recognized the fact that most crossdressers are married and crave their wife's active participation, and not just her passive tolerance.) And yet, we as a community, are doing nothing to help those relationships survive, grow and prosper.

A Committed Relationship

Almost everyone even remotely knowledgeable about crossdressing agrees that crossdressing is not curable in the accepted sense of the word. Given that the crossdresser must therefore accept herself as she is and not damage herself in a futile

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attempt to become "normal," she has the choice of either going through life alone or attempting to make her life more fulfilling through a committed and honest relationship as herself—as the crossdresser she is and always will be. I submit that such a relationship is crucial to the well being of the individual, and therefore deserves the attention of the community.

An Honest Relationship

Much has been said about the necessity of the crossdresser informing her partner of the fact that she is a crossdresser. How to do this extremely difficult task has been the subject of many excellent articles and I do not to presume to know the answer any better than the professionals who have addressed the topic up to this point. However, when the subject of crossdressing is finally broached, the support and understanding of another wife is sometimes welcome, and it is here that the wives' support group plays its greatest role.

If the relationship survives this essential first step, what happens next? Is everything tea and roses and they live happily ever after? Such a silly question, and yet I ask it to make a point. Obviously, preserving and nurturing this relationship will take a lot of love and effort on both their parts and, just as obviously, this is only the first step. What happens next is crucial and yet it is at precisely this point that our current system of support really fails.

The Support System Fails

Typically, the next step our courageous crossdresser usually takes falls into three broad categories: 1) she inveigles (or coaxes, whines, begs) her wife to accompany her to the local support group meeting, 2) she convinces her wife to accompany her out in public, or 3) she does nothing. The result of any of these three courses of action could be disastrous. Obviously, there are a myriad of other options available to a crossdressing couple. These are just the three that I believe are the most common.

Let's explore the first option: taking her wife to a local support group meeting. The support group meetings are geared to the single crossdresser and to ways in which she can better pass in public and to ways in which she can better accept herself and find acceptance in her new community. To be sure, these are essential and even admirable objectives for the crossdresser, and I fully support and heartily recommend that every crossdresser join and support their local groups. But, what of the wife? What does she get from the meeting? Is she really interested in learning how to pass in public? Does she really seek acceptance for herself as a woman in this community? Are the meetings fun, or even interesting for her? I suggest that the answer would be a resounding no from most wives.

Let us now explore the second option: going out in public. Even if we assume that our crossdresser passes very well, how does her wife feel? Remember, her husband is disguised as a woman, and since she passes well, no one will know who she is. But, what about the wife? She can't hide behind a disguise. Furthermore, since this is a very new experience for the wife, she will be thinking that everyone is looking and laughing. It doesn't matter whether anyone does or not, that is how she will feel. How can the wife relax and enjoy the experience with these conflicting emotions?

Where do you think this couple will go on their initial excursions into the world? Shopping? Dinner? The theater? A gay bar or night club? Most likely it will be the gay bar or night club that our crossdresser chooses for their first real outing together. Great! Here we have a wife who is bombarded with new feelings and emotions, and trying to sort out whether her husband has secret gay tendencies, and where do they go for fun and entertainment? Do you really think that this would be a wife's first choice for an outing of fun?

The third option, to do nothing, frequently becomes the option of choice when the wife realizes or experiences the drawbacks of the first two options. The wife then avoids becoming actively involved with her husband's crossdressing and the chasm between them is made a little larger.

Another Option

It is understandable, though sad, that given only these options, that the wives and sweethearts of crossdressers would rather not participate. It's sad because there is a lot of life and excitement and fun in the world of crossdressing. It's sad because the couple that needs to be doing fun things together in order to strengthen their relationship and help it grow is, instead, doing nothing, and worse yet, going their separate ways. And it is sad because it needn't be that way. There is another option.

To tell you about that other option is the whole point of this paper. That other option is based on an organization for crossdressing couples that I helped found called Ladies Night Out. Before I tell you about Ladies Night Out, a little background is in order so that you may better understand how it cane to be and why it works so well.

I am a crossdresser. I have been one, like many of you, since I was very young. In fact, I hold the belief that crossdressing is natural, and its impetus is implanted in us prior to birth (genetic?) only to blossom as the result of some trigger later in life. I have children who do not know of my crossdressing. My first wife, though she knows naught for sure, probably suspects something. Keeping this kind of secret can only destroy a relationship, as it most certainly did my first marriage. I decided not to make the same mistake twice, so I revealed my feminine self to my present wife before we got married. Let me add, that I am madly in love with my present wife, and totally committed to making this marriage, this relationship, work.

Through trial and error and bad experiences, I realized early on that public excursions with my wife, that going to gay bars, that going to support groups, would not work. My wife didn't enjoy these outings, and

she tolerated, but didn't enjoy my crossdressing. To make matters worse, I wanted to crossdress more and more frequently. But, crossdressing alone was just that, lonely. I needed my wife's acceptance and, if I could get it, her approval. I wanted to go out more often, do more varied things, but not alone. I wanted to be my feminine self alongside the most important person in my life, my wife.

I wanted to do more, to be sure, but I din't feel comfortable in the gay bar scene. In fact, I don't feel comfortable, regardless of which gender I am, in any bar scene. Additionally, it didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that if my wife had fun too, she would be more willing to participate. And, if other wives were participating, especially other wives who were also personal friends, she would be even more inclined to go along.

An Idea Is Born

An idea takes shape. Why not form a group of crossdressing couples whose only purposes were to develop friendships between and among other couples with similar tastes and, of course, to have fun at the same time?

I sought help from my wife and together we sought the help of an enigmatic and well known crossdresser about town who seemed to know everyone. Together the three of us got the word out to the community that a new organization for couples only was forming. The group started small with a new couple joining up at the rate of about one couple every other month. Couples love as close as a few blocks away from us (a pleasant surprise) to as far as over 200 miles away.

Ladies Night Out

Since we decided to restrict membership to couples, the wives by definition would have a full and equal voice in deciding which activities are scheduled. In fact, it was my wish that the wives take the initiative and decide for us where and what we do. If the wives decide which activities are scheduled, they will, in theory at least, select activities that will be fun for them, thus increasing their potential participation and ultimate enjoyment. The stage is then set for greater acceptance on the part of the wife and a wider range of activities for both the crossdresser and her wife to enjoy.

This wider range of activities has an added side benefit in the arenas of outreach and public education. So called normal people would now see crossdressers and their wives enjoying this alternate lifestyle as a couple—together—and that has to have a positive impact on how we are perceived and, ultimately, how we are accepted.

How Are We Doing?

Small and intimate, the organization currently has twenty-four couples on its roster, and has done or is planning to do such diverse activities as dinner theater, riding the train to another city for dinner and an evening of fun, a jewelry party, an evening at the theater, a dinner cruise aboard a privately chartered boat, a lingerie party, a weekend in Las Vegas, a night at Knott's Berry Farm, and a fashion show in addition to the monthly BBQs, pot lucks and parties. Occasionally the group plans some serious discussions, but the primary objective is to meet and get to know other couples in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

Results

Since the formation of the Ladies Night Out, several interesting things have happened. First and foremost, new friendships have been formed, thus fulfilling the primary objective of the group. These friendships have even spilled over into non-crossdressing activities, showing that once formed from common interests, such friendships can grow and mature.

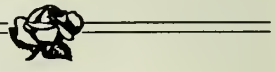
Another beneficial result of club membership is that many couples of the group, ourselves included, found themselves getting out into the public more than ever and enjoying it more now that it was fun for couples and not just fun for one. Much, if not all of the guilt associated with self-indulgence dissipated with the inclusion of the wives. Furthermore, the wives found that they resented their husbands less since they were included in events that proved to be fun and entertaining for them as well.

The wives' inclusion in the planning process and the decision process were bonuses they genuinely appreciated. That's more, the wives were able to provide valuable insight into what exactly was fun for them and what wasn't, thus allowing all of us to avoid many of the mistakes of the past.

The public also benefited from the club. Members of the public were educated (through observation) that not all crossdressers were perverts or homosexuals or entertainers, and that some truly beautiful wives could shine and be happy alongside some truly beautiful crossdressers. The beauty shines through when we are happy, whether or not we pass well.

What Next?

I would like to see more couples only clubs formed around the country so that others may experience the benefits that have come our way. I want to see crossdressers and their wives find just a bit more happiness here on this earth, and for their relationships to grow and prosper that little bit more. I want the public to know who and what we are and are not. I want to help. It is for these reasons that I have written this paper. it is for these reasons that I encourage any and all of you who are interested in doing something about it to contact me.



GLASNOST: News From Latvia

by Elga Remes

Phaedra Kelley is advocating that we should establish strong ties with Russian and other gender dysphoric groups in former USSR countries. Members of our group, FPE Latvia, and I object to such a project. Although Phaedra maintains that people of gender dysphoric groups in the whole world constitute "a nation within a nation," we cannot cooperate with them in the same way that we cooperate with groups in Europe and in the USA.

The mentality of the Russian people differs greatly from that of Europeans or of other western countries. Hence there is a consequent difference in their sex preferences. There is more than a mental part to this. As far as I have gathered from the letters I received during the last years of Latvia's inclusion in the Soviet Union (1990-1991), the vast majority of gender dysphoric individuals claimed to be homosexuals persecuted by the Soviet law. One could be sentenced to jail for up to five years. It happened very rarely, however, because in 99 cases out of a hundred, it is impossible to ascertain for a fact that someone has performed a homosexual act.

The truth of the matter is that most homosexuals became homosexual while in prison for other crimes. When they are released, they are without funds and work. Having heard about western organizations catering to homosexuals, TV/TS people, they send letters asking for help. What kind of help? Cigarettes, sweets, winter clothing (men's), boots, tea, coffee, etc. Nobody mentioned the need for women's clothing, cosmetics

I personally have not heard about heterosexual TVs in Russia. Either they don't come out of their closets, being too shy or too afraid, or they are confused with homosexuals. This may be correct. I am informed that in some great cities homosexual men sometimes do dress up, but only for one reason. The people released from jail who are following their homosexual habits don't bother about their appearance at all. Consequently, I gather that transvestite is a synonym for homosexual in Russia and other countries of the former USSR. The only exception is drag shows now and then on the Russian TV which are played for humor.

There is one group in Russia, however, which deserves to be helped. I have written of their plight in the past, the TSs. As with the TVs, the TSs are assumed to be homosexual. They can only rarely achieve their aim of sexual reassignment surgery. Operations of this kind are rarely performed in Russia. That is why TS people try to get some western help in this respect. Sorry to say, our group can't help anybody. We ourselves, however, partly depend on outside help.

There are more obstacles. It is impossible to contact them in English or German. Direct contacts are nearly impossible. A visa to enter Latvia costs about 7000 Russian rubles. They could get to the United Kingdom without a visa, however.

That is why we are reluctant to organize the people in sexual minority groups in the former Russian countries. That is why there can be no networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastern bloc as Phaedra Kelley would have it.

MAN-WOMAN, HOW INTERESTING

Translated by Pat Wells from the Russian-language newspaper *Globus*, published in Israel.

But the thought actually came to me that Boy George had arrived in Moscow, this time incognito, and had decided to take the Metro women's stockings!? (Interesting, but could they also be men's?) skirt-pants (or pants-skirt)? And check the makeup on that face! No, of course this wasn't Boy George. But nevertheless, I decided to have a chat with him.

About TRANSVESTISM, changing into the clothing of the opposite sex,

I'd heard something before, but I wanted to get to know more about this phenomenon. Damian-Christian Batori was the name of the person I interviewed.

Q. What is transvestism if you were to speak specifically about yourself?

A. I cannot give you an exact definition since I don't really represent a full 100 percent transvestite. What you see approximates my own image more. At any one particular moment I try to change my whole self, even my outward appearance, since the ordinariness of my existence bores me. And this, most importantly, has nothing to do with my sexual preference. The 100 percent transvestite feels masculine and feminine selves. In the shape and physiology he is a man, but inside he wants to be like a woman. The insistence of this feeling doesn't go away.

A few years ago, when some publications showing naked artists' models came out in the stores, at first everyone was shocked, but then they got used to it. Now, it is ordinary, people don't pay any special attention to it and they just regard it calmly. So I decided to take this route. I want to "turn our world around." But, I am forced to pay a price for this, by being treated in a degrading fashion. I am, thank God, for the time being, alive, although surrounded by wilting stares and pointing fingers.

Q. Good. You will cure society, but what else?

A. Well, my life won't be long enough for that. In the West, the sexual revolution has already arrived, and it will come to us, too. We must establish the kind of society where every human being can experience its own personality.

Q. But, would you like to be a woman?

A. No, the physiology of a woman evokes some antipathy in me. I would start out to hate myself if I were female. Transvestism, it's simply a matter of conduct, and when I outwardly stop being masculine, I just start to play the role of a woman with a member.

Q. Tell me, Damian, does your feminine behavior attract men?

A. Oh, to differentiate me from women is complex. Once this perfectly normal guy hit on me, but then, when According to my gender conduct, was I gay, bisexual, sado-masochistic, or what? This all depends on the mood they're in. Sometimes it's enough for them to grab hold of me and gouge me with their nails. At other times it's like they are lashing me with the knout for six hours running.

> The mentality of the Russian People differs greatly from that of Europeans.

Q. Let's talk about that some other time When did you crossdress for the first time?

A. It was when I was seven or eight. I noticed that when I dressed up in women's clothes I saw someone in the mirror that I wasn't used to seeing. This was a chance to change somehow whenever I got bored with myself. By crossdressing I changed myself inwardly as well. I would begin to live another identity, temporarily forsaking my usual existence. And then, after I reversed the transformation, I would look at the world with different eyes. With regard to my sexual self, I am an asexual being who is linked to a religious consciousness; the beginning of my spiritual self is developing. As for the eternal philosophical question, "What is life for?" I have already answered that, "Live to perfect oneself."

Q. And are there followers of yours in the city where you live?

A. Yes, there are, although I don't know what significance all this has for them. We are close friends and sometimes we go out together, into the world, as they say. They are not like me. They have their own views and their own problems. I do not try to plumb the depths of their souls if they don't want me to, but their imitation is quite conscious and deliberate.

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Uniform Games

by Selena Ann Shepard

It may not be common knowledge, but I'vs known since I was ten years old that ice hockey and transvestism are as closely linked as Laurel and Hardy, Paris and the Eiffel Tower, the Nineteenth Century and Queen Victoria. Growing up in suburban Walnut Creek, California in the early '60s, I passionately engaged in puck play and panty play—deriving a joy that I never could get from hitting baseballs or wearing blue jeans. Needless to say, neither proclivity was "in" at the time.

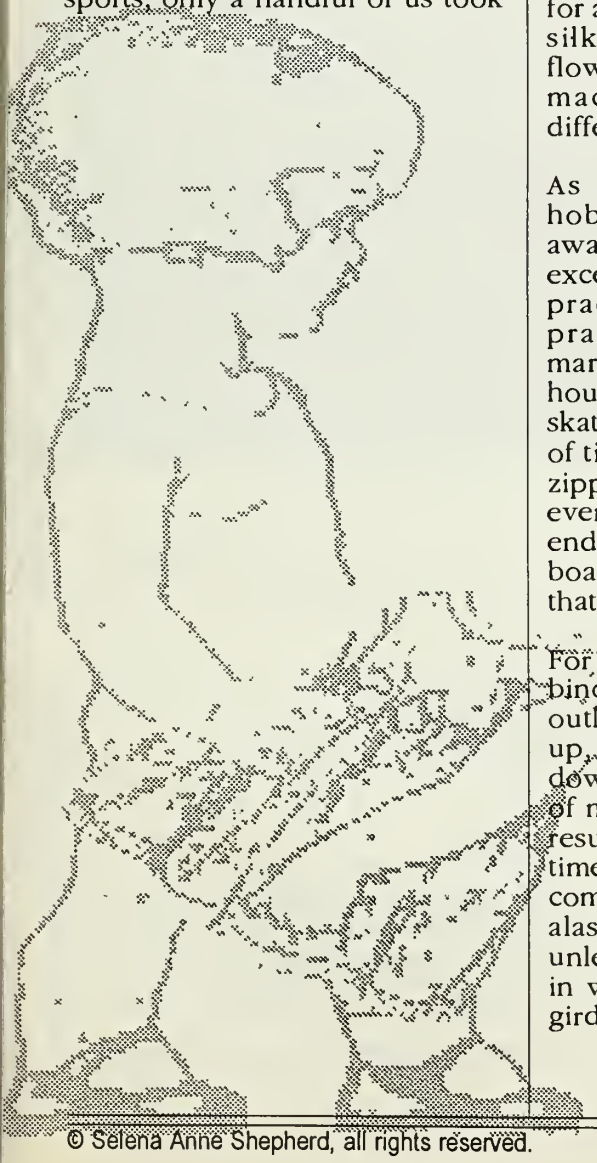
While some of the boys I knew participated in the Big Three sports, only a handful of us took up hockey. Since there were few frozen lakes close by, we had to awaken at 6:00 am on Saturday mornings to find skating time at the local indoor rink (a converted barn), As to fooling around with women's clothes, I was unaware of any other boy who found it pleasurable (though I was never brazen enough to take a survey of my fellow Scout Troop members),

It first dawned on me after a hard-played hockey game the commonality between my two joys in life, I found myself removing one uniform—complete with knee pads, jock strap, double layered knee-high stockings, bulky sweater—and exchanging it for another uniform—padded bra, silk stockings, frilly panties, flowing slip. I went from playing macho boy to femme girl, different and the same, actually.

As I partook further in my hobbies, I grew increasingly aware of the discipline needed to excel at each one. They required practice, practice, and more practice to become even marginally successful. I'd spend hours trying to master backwards skating and an equivalent amount of time learning to pull up a back zipper. I had grave doubts I would ever learn either skill. Luckily, the end results—each other into the boards. (I've a sneaking suspicion that would still be the case today.)

For whatever reason, a corselette binding my waist provided a great outlet for the release of my pent-up, pubescent energy. Hustling down the ice with a puck in front of my stick brought about similar results. I would fantasize a future time when I would be able to combine my two passions, but, alas, I never quite had the nerve, unless you count the hockey game in which I wore a Playtex panty girdle instead of a cup (not only did it feel nicer, but it seemed to give me just as much protection).

I have not played Ice hockey in over 15 years, but I am still deeply involved in transgending. I sometimes feel only half-fulfilled, but I have discovered a cure for such blues. I dress to thrill in my finest feminine fashions—a black merry-widow, sheer negligee, thigh-high leather boots—and sit back on the sofa to watch the Oilers battle the Flyers on ESPN. It's the perfect way for me to experience the best of both worlds. I recommend it for any guy who "can't get no satisfaction" in the '90s.



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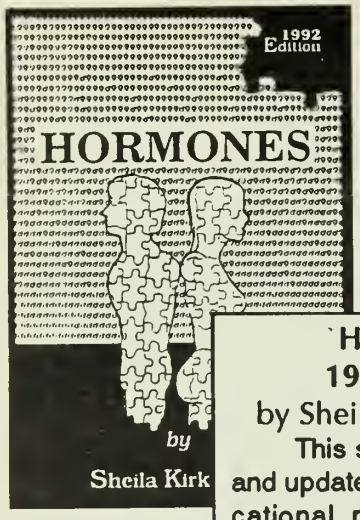

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Wild Bunch Rides Again

by Jodie & Holly

It's time once again to sit and put nail tips to computer bytes as the Wild Bunch, Jodie, Holly and their two faithful companions (GGs) have been spotted once again. This time, out of the big city into Pennsylvania and a small town in the Pocono Mountains, once again trying to demonstrate that 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun!'

The Phantasie Pholliez:
Kelly Sheridan entertains as Reba McIntyre.

JoAnn Roberts (left), event hostess, presents Alison Laing (right) during the Princess Promenade.

The last time we heard from them they had tried to take the Big Apple (Macintosh? No, Red Delicious!) by storm, but returned with their garters in a twitter and their wigs askew, a song in their hearts and smiles on their faces, knowing there would be another time and another place. It's hard to keep a good girl down! Now, they were going for a smaller prize. This time, they would be more prepared. So, after a shopping spree at Macy's, numerous catalogue orders and an extra set of Airways, they piled high the buckboard with dual finish powder, loaded their pistols with lip floss and set off to lay siege to JoAnn Roberts' Paradise in the Poconos®. Before leaving, however, they did have one more problem to attend to: they were running out of excuses. As their excursions occur about every three weeks, what to tell friends and family? Camp was immediately counted out, along with watching TV and listening to CDs. It was finally decided that they would say they had gone to the 'drag' races.

Their wagon, adorned in pink and lace, came to an excited shrieking halt. Anticipation welled inside as the first strokes of mascara were applied. It was raining outside, but no one seemed to notice or care, as the sun was shining inside. Our hopes of laying siege were quickly dashed. Who could blame us? There were so many beautiful women there, and JoAnn had set up a weekend that was impossible to match, each event better than the one before it. It made one think, "Now, how could she possibly top this?" then watch, amazed, as she did.

If you are a veteran of the crossdressing community, or just a beginner, this is one event you should not miss. Thursday night we danced, renewed old friendships and formed new ones, until they finally had to kick us out. Friday night's Costume Party and Joke-Off was a blast, and once again our heels cut the rug until we were ever so quietly invited to leave. We went to the lobby and wound down until 5:00am.

JoAnn Roberts opens the show.

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All weekend clouds of powder-like smoke signals exited Eric the Great's suite as he made up beautiful women to be even more stunning, all the while joking and teaching as he went. Stella's expert picture-taking and Delia's teaching all made the intensity of what was about to happen Saturday evening grow to enormous proportions. This was the Phantasie Phollies talent show and the Princess Promenade. God smiled down on that evening and touched our hearts, letting us know just a little bit about heaven.

One of the free workshops. Paula Jordan Sinclair (foreground, right) teaches LadyLike Deportment.

The performances were touching, exhilarating, humorous and very well done. The pace was quick as they moved from performer to performer. Just as we finished repairing our makeup after hearing a heart-felt rendition of 'Two Sparrows in a Hurricane,' tears of laughter started down our cheeks as

Costume Party Winners: Jennifer Richards (left) and Debbie Carter (right).

Marcia, a sweet mature gal from a small town in Michigan told us about life 'back home.' Performer after performer amazed us, from lip-sync to live, from the veterans to newcomers like Eric (Ineeta Shave) the Great, our makeup artist. One comedienne left us wondering why a JoAnnasaurus had an Adam's apple.

The Princess Promenade was especially wonderful as we all got to go up on stage and show off our finery. Jodie won Princess, along with Nancy Anne, Danielle and Lorraine as her entourage (fine choices). We sang and danced together until the sun came up. Holly once again clicked her red heels together with tears in her eyes repeating, "There's no place like the Poconos. There's no place like the Poconos."

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A Princess and Her Court. From left to right, Delia VanMaris, Miss Sophistication; Lorraine, Miss Congeniality; Samantha Ryan, Princess of the Poconos 1992; Jennifer Richards, Miss Ingénue.

The Costume Party:
Kelly Sheridan (right) hosts as Elvira and interviews Emily Sheldon (left).

Sunday we packed our wagon and said our good-byes, exchanged Post Office Box numbers and promised to meet again in the spring. We talked for awhile and hugged. Eric pulled up his car and someone asked if this was a new one. When he claimed it was still the same old car, Holly suggested that he had done a make-over on it.

Well, so much for the 'drag' races. The Wild Bunch departed, knowing they had not laid siege to the Poconos, but instead, had been taken by storm themselves and loved every single minute of it. They still remain on the top ten 'Most Wanna Be' list. If you should see them hiding somewhere, please inform JoAnn Roberts so they can be immediately returned to Paradise in the Poconos®.

Costume Party: Helene tells a story for the Joke-Off.

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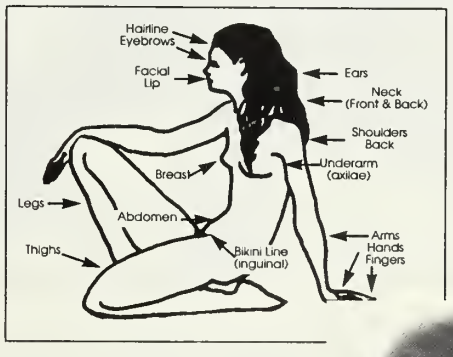

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Tiffany's Spring Fling

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND SPRING OUTING 1994

by JoanHoff

Imagine yourself walking down a narrow rustic street lined with quaint shops at high noon with a gentle sea breeze blowing against your legs and fluttering your skirt. Imagine further entering a restaurant and the hostess saying, "Would you like a table by the window or on the deck, miss?"

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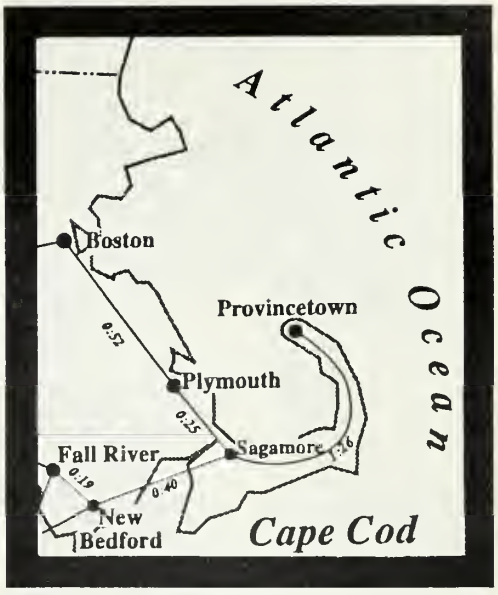

The beautiful Atlantic resort of Provincetown, on the end of Cape Cod, is a unique place for crossdressers to hold an event, with or without their spouses or partners. Some people call Provincetown the largest TV closet in the world, while others call it the doorway to self-fulfillment. More importantly, though, it is what you call it, and what you want it to be. The residents are accepting of alternative lifestyles, the police are protective of everyone no matter how they are dressed, the shopkeepers are helpful, and the restaurateurs welcome you with open arms.

The event is headquartered at the Boatslip Hotel, where most people stay. It has a well-stocked bar operated by the most madcap bartender east of the Mississippi; a sun deck; many rooms overlooking the picturesque harbor with its many fishing and pleasure boats; and a large fresh water pool. What more could you ask for, especially if you enjoy swimming in your bikini while sipping a refreshing cocktail?

The activities of the week are mostly unstructured, you can do pretty much whatever you want. The choices are manifold. Provincetown abounds in unique photo opportunities (there just ain't no other place like it), fine shops and restaurants, a high seas fleet to take you out to see the largest living creatures on earth—the whales, tours through the pristine sand dunes that are filled with seldom-seen wildlife, and the night scene is alive with night clubs and shows. And, there is ample opportunity to meet, to talk with, and to get to know your sisters and their friends.

As the weekend approaches, TGIF takes on a new meaning. The pace of events accelerates. Jim Bridges, the well known and respected makeup artist and friend of the gender community gets busier and busier. More and more people seek him out for a makeover, a wig styling, some jewelry, or a new scarf. Both the novice and the seasoned veteran seek his advice in preparation for the Friday evening cocktail party and the Saturday evening Grand Banquet.

As the sun sets on Friday, the music starts and the hors d'oeuvres are laid out on tables in the Boatslip Lounge. It's time for a first-rate cocktail party. This is the first formal opportunity to get acquainted, and, for some, a chance to wear that new cocktail dress. As the music, dancing, and good cheer permeate the atmosphere, many of the local inhabitants and weekenders join the festivities. The party doesn't end until whenever. The town is just getting started.

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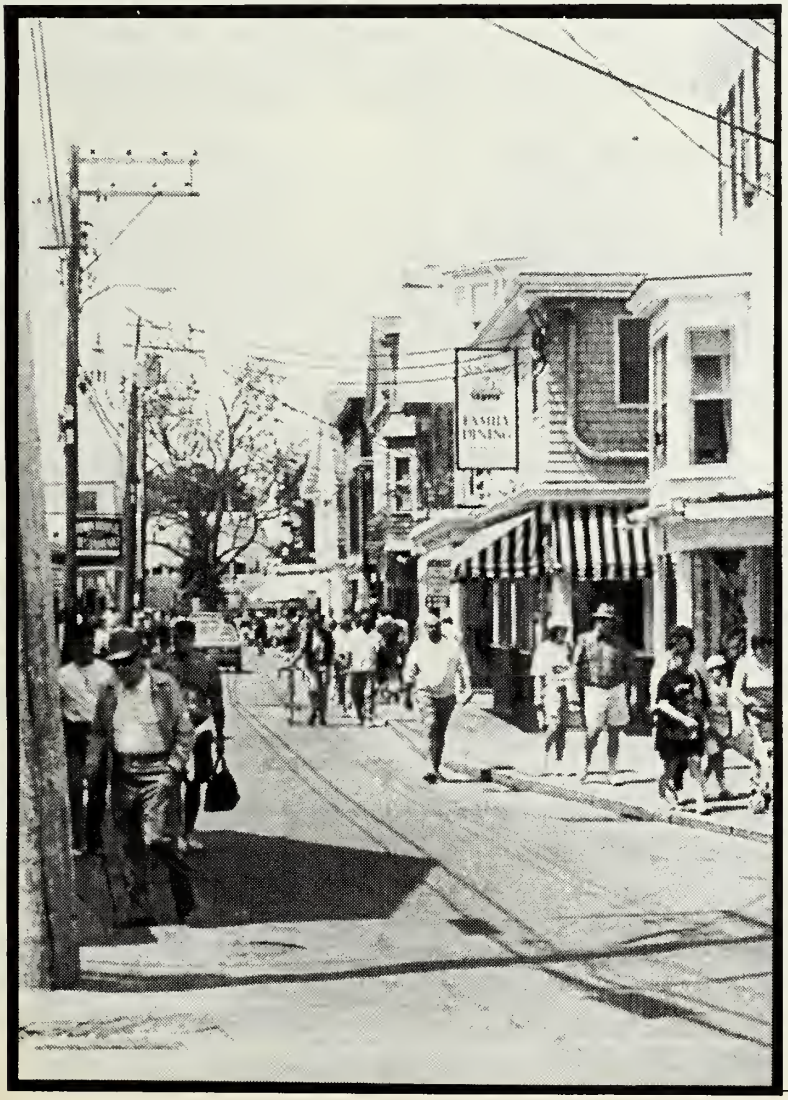
I can still remember my own first time as if it were yesterday. My Big Sister, Jackie McDonald, checked me over like a First Sergeant before the General's Inspection, and then she took me by the hand and marched me down Commercial Street from our guest house to the banquet. Before we had walked three blocks, I felt as if I were a seasoned veteran. It changed my life forever. Today, Joan goes shopping, out to dinner, and to the theater in Boston and New York. No problem!

My experience is not unique. Listen to what others have to say:

Patricia from New Hampshire has been attending the Provincetown Outing since it began.

I love having the Boatslip as the headquarters because of the view of the harbor, the outside deck, and the restaurant in-house. It's so much fun to come out each year and meet old friends. The down side is not seeing people who were here before and didn't attend this year. It is intriguing to meet new people.

Cathy from Michigan read about the Outing in the *Tapestry* Calendar of Events and came to Provincetown for the first time to be in a supportive atmosphere.



I arrived on Wednesday and was glad I came. It was better than I expected. The hotel is great. I was really frightened at first, but bought an airline ticket to kind of seal the deal. I found the people very warm and friendly. It helped to reassure me.

Tasha from Maine has been attending the Outing for the past ten years.

I come because it's fun and I get a chance to meet old friends I haven't seen for a while. Every year is a new adventure. I love the personal attention I get. Everyone is so friendly and warm that you just can't find anywhere.

Kristine from Minnesota saw the brochure in *Tapestry* and decided to spend her vacation at the Spring Outing.

I came here to get a better understanding of my life and my identity. I arrived yesterday and I am already feeling better about myself. If possible, I'll be back next year.

The Tiffany Club Spring Outing for 1994 is scheduled for the week starting Tuesday, May 31 through Sunday, June 5. Circle the dates on your calendar and plan to come. It will be an experience you will never forget.

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— by Tere Frederickson

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What are we talking about when we say our dignity? We are talking about basic human and civil rights **as transgendered persons**. Without those rights firmly established under the law, none of us will ever be accorded the dignity accorded to others.

One person in our community had the foresight and fortitude to take **ACTION**! That person gathered others who also were willing to take a risk and try to do something to give us all our dignity. That person would not be deterred from her goal, and with sheer tenacity made it happen. That person is Phyllis Randolph Frye, Houston attorney, the founder and Executive Director of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Inc. Like it or not, it is her intent to drag us all (some probably kicking and screaming) into the 21st century with our dignity.

Here is my challenge, and I presume it also to be Phyllis' challenge, to every transgendered person out there and every transgender support group. We have a window of opportunity and we must **ALL** make the most of it. Come out of the closet to the maximum degree that your personal situation allows. Get active! More than anything else we must educate everyone about transgendered persons and their lifestyles. We must dispel the negative stereotypes. We must decisively challenge those who would deny us our rights. We must challenge unjust laws. We must get over our group homophobia. We must bring about a cultural revolution. **AND** we can't do it hiding in the closet!

To the leadership of each support group I say: **Get your people involved!** Get out there and do lectures and seminars to anyone willing to listen. When an issue comes up that affects the transgender community, take action. Write letters, send FAXes, or make a telephone call to your legislators or local politicians if that is what is needed. The bigots use the same techniques and we don't want to be outnumbered 200 to 1 when we try to take a stand on an issue.

Appoint someone in your group who is willing to keep track of state and local political issues—ignorance is not a good excuse when an unjust law is enacted. Meet personally with all your local politicians (city council, judges, state and federal legislators, etc.) and find out where they stand on transgender issues. Form a "telephone tree" with your members so that time critical information can be made available to everyone. Get out there and form coalitions with other minority and special interest groups so we can work common issues together with more effectiveness (women's groups and lesbian-bi-gay groups are examples). And form coalitions with other transgender support groups in your city, state and region so that coordinated action is taken when needed. We must maintain an effective communication network amongst ourselves!

Work? YES! Sure it's a lot of work! Maybe it all sounds like more than your group can handle with its current resources. If you need to focus on something, pick education. It does two things. It helps dispel the stereotypes and it can be outreach. You may pick up more members with a proactive education program. With more members you may be able to do some of the other things which will make this our decade.

Most importantly, keep abreast of what the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) is doing. **EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR 1992 AND 1993—THE *AUTHORITY* OF TRANSGENDER LAW!** The first ICTLEP identified some of the key issues; the second ICTLEP started to form some of the strategies to deal with the issues; and the third ICTLEP in 1994? Maybe, just maybe, the third ICTLEP will see all transgender support groups and transgendered individuals decide to grab hold of their dignity and become actively involved! Without **ALL** our people working together for our human and civil rights under the law, we may all see the 21st century from the dark recesses of our closets.

One thing is certain, Phyllis and her little merry band of people at ICTLEP '93 **CAN'T DO IT ALONE**. Each of us must resolve here and now that **WE'RE ALL GOING TO DO IT TOGETHER! ICTLEP '94 — HOUSTON, TEXAS, U.S.A. — AUGUST 17 - 21, 1994 — BE THERE!**

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ICTLEP, Inc.
5707 Firenza Street
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U.S.A.

We need to get the word out on ICTLEP! It would be great if every transgender support group would reprint this article in their newsletter, or carry similar articles!

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY, INC.

THE INTERNATIONAL BILL OF GENDER RIGHTS

(As adopted by ICTLEP, August 28, 1993, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.)

This restatement of "The International Bill of Gender Rights" was drafted in committee and adopted by The International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Inc. (ICTLEP) at that organization's second annual meeting, held in Houston, Texas, August 26-29, 1993.

Please note that this document is subject to review and revision at each annual meeting of ICTLEP. This document, though copyrighted, may be reproduced by any means and freely distributed by anyone supporting the principles and statements contained herein.

THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO DEFINE GENDER IDENTITY:

All human beings carry within themselves an ever-unfolding idea of who they are and what they are capable of achieving. The individual's sense of self is not determined by chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role. Thus, the individual's identity and capabilities cannot be circumscribed by what society deems to be masculine or feminine behavior. It is fundamental that individuals have the right to define, and to redefine as their lives unfold, their own gender identity, without regard to chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

Therefore, each individual shall have the right to define their own gender identity, regardless of chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role; and further, no individual shall be denied Human or Civil Rights on the basis that their self-defined gender identity is not in accord with chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

THE RIGHT TO FREE EXPRESSION OF GENDER IDENTITY:

Given the right to define one's own gender identity, all human beings have the corresponding right to free expression of their self-defined gender identity.

Therefore, all human beings have the right to free expression of their self-defined gender identity; and further, no individual shall be denied Human or Civil Rights by virtue of the expression of a self-defined gender identity.

THE RIGHT TO CONTROL AND CHANGE ONE'S OWN BODY:

All human beings have the right to control their bodies, which includes the right to change their bodies cosmetically, chemically or surgically, so as to express a self-defined gender identity.

Therefore, individuals shall not be denied the right to change their body as a means of expressing a self-defined gender identity; and further, individuals shall not be denied Human or Civil Rights on the basis that they have changed their bodies cosmetically, chemically or surgically, or desire to do so as a means of expressing a self-defined gender identity.

THE RIGHT TO COMPETENT MEDICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CARE:

Given the individual's right to define their own gender identity, and the right to change one's own body as a means of expressing a self-defined gender identity, no individual should be denied access to competent medical or other professional care on the basis of the individual's chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

Therefore, individuals shall not be denied the right to competent medical or other professional care, when changing their body cosmetically, chemically or surgically, on the basis of chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT:

Given the right to define one's own gender identity, individuals should not be subject to psychiatric diagnosis or treatment solely on the basis of their gender identity or role.

Therefore, individuals shall not be subject to psychiatric diagnosis or treatment as mentally disordered or diseased, solely on the basis of their expression of a self-defined gender identity.

THE RIGHT TO SEXUAL EXPRESSION:

Given the right to a self-defined gender identity, every consenting adult has a corresponding right to free sexual expression.

Therefore, no individual's Human or Civil Rights shall be denied on the basis of sexual orientation; and further, no individual shall be denied Human or Civil Rights for expression of a self-defined gender identity through sexual acts between consenting adults.

THE RIGHT TO FORM COMMITTED, LOVING RELATIONSHIPS AND ENTER INTO MARITAL CONTRACTS:

Given that all human beings have the right to free expression of a self-defined gender identity, and the right to sexual expression as a form of gender expression, all human beings have a corresponding right to form committed, loving relationships with one another, and to enter into marital contracts, regardless of their own or their partner's chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

Therefore, individuals shall not be denied the right to form a committed, loving relationship with another, and to enter into marital contracts, regardless of their own or their partner's chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

THE RIGHT TO CONCEIVE OR ADOPT CHILDREN; THE RIGHT TO NURTURE AND HAVE CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND EXERCISE PARENTAL RIGHTS:

Given the right to form a committed, loving relationship with another, and to enter into marital contracts with another, together with the right to sexual expression of one's gender identity, individuals have a corresponding right to conceive or adopt children, to nurture children and have custody of children, and to exercise parental rights with respect to children, natural or adopted, without regard to chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

Therefore, no individual shall be denied the right to conceive or adopt children, or to nurture and have custody of children, or to exercise parental rights with respect to natural or adopted children, on the basis of their own, their partner's or their children's chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

NOTES:

The International Bill of Gender Rights is based on two similar documents drafted independently in 1991 by JoAnn Roberts and Sharon Ann Stuart. Copies of these documents can be obtained by request to the address below. Please enclose $3.00 for copy cost and postage.

The International Bill of Gender Rights is distributed by The International Bill of Gender Rights Project, an activity of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Inc. Individuals and organizations are invited to consider and adopt this statement as their own expression of principles and truths with respect to the gender rights of all human beings.

Comments and proposed revisions are invited and should be addressed to: International Bill of Gender Rights Project, P.O. Box 930, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Telephone: (607) 547-4115. Voice messages and telefacsimile transmissions can be accommodated by the same telephone number.

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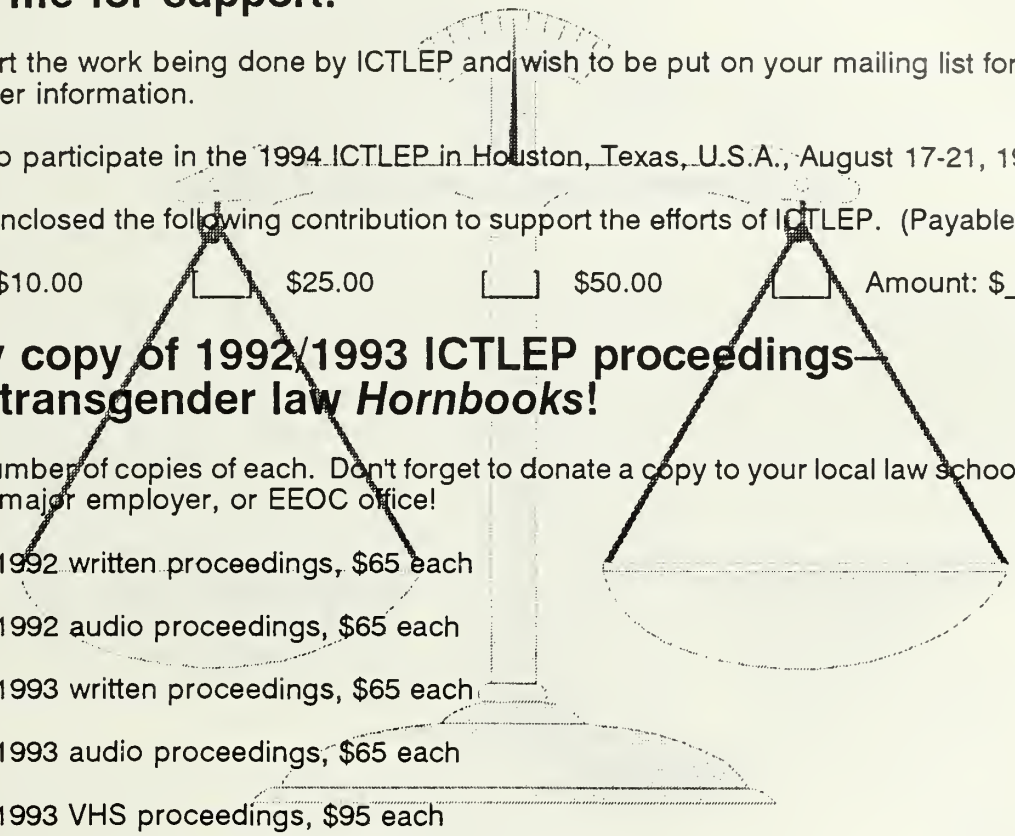

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Bulletins, Notices & News

Issue Number Sixty-Six

TRANSITION ON THE JOB
NOT GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL
Rules Pennsylvania Board

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Board of Review, in a decision rendered September 1, 1993, has upheld an earlier Unemployment Compensation referee's decision that a male-to-female transsexual who had been fired from her job for dressing as a woman was not guilty of willful misconduct, and therefore was eligible for unemployment benefits.

The claimant had effected her gender shift on November 5, 1992, and had been accommodated by her employer, with some restrictions. However, on December 17, 1992, she was summarily dismissed from her position for dress code violation. She applied for unemployment compensation benefits, which were granted to her. Her former employer appealed this decision, and on June 7, 1993, the referee ruled the claimant's actions "cannot be considered willful misconduct," and that " the claimant had good cause for her actions." This decision was upheld by the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review. The employer plans to appeal this decision to the Commonwealth Court.

The employer is a quasi-governmental agency with a state contract to administer Federal Job Training Partnership funds in the five counties within their northwest Pennsylvania jurisdiction. Their mission is to ensure employment and training opportunities for persons with barriers to employment. The claimant worked for the agency for three-and-a-half years as a recruiter and assessment specialist before her discharge. She received unemployment compensation for four weeks before accepting a sales management position with another firm.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry is conducting an investigation, for the governor's review, to determine whether discrimination protection provisions of the JTPA had been violated. The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission has determined that jurisdiction exists for a discrimination investigation into the matter on their part.

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MINNESOTA;
FIRST STATE TO ENACT CIVIL RIGHTS BILL
including Transgendered

We have word from the City of Lakes Crossgender Community (CLCC) concerning the passage of the act. Several CLCC members were actively involved in the effort to get the bill passed. We need more folks in our community who are willing to be proactive! CLCC is one of the few organizations in our community that as a group becomes involved.

CLCC was kind enough to send copies of the Minnesota Civil Rights Act to other support groups. Of course, the act is primarily focused on gay and lesbian civil rights, but tucked away at the bottom of the first page describing who is affected by the act is, " or having or being perceived as having a self image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness." Although the verbiage could have been more clearly worded and not placed under section titled Sexual Orientation, the effect is what is most important—the civil rights of transgendered persons are assured under law. The act is quite extensive in its coverage of virtually every conceivable situation , 32 pages worth.

The stage is set for the last decade of the century to be our decade to achieve legal status and equality under the law. But, will we act on the stage or hide under it, that is the question. We have a window of opportunity. We must take advantage of it if we wish to take our rightful place as transgendered persons within society.

We must come out of the closet and assert ourselves. The only thing holding us back is fear of the unknown. Listen to the folks who are out, listen to their discoveries about life out in society. There is an important message, it's in our newsletters all over the country, "We are transgendered and proud of it!" There is one thing which is certain, if we don't come out in numbers, we will never achieve anything and we can all hide in our dark closets of fear for the rest of our lives.

(Edited from *Gender Euphoria*, Vol.VII, # 7, Boulton & Park Society, POB 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042 USA.)

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Gulf Area Gender Alliance LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Gulf Area Gender Alliance in New Orleans, Louisiana would like to host a Transgender Leadership Conference in April or May of 1994 in New Orleans. This will first and foremost be *working* conference. We envision two days of meeting 5-6 hours each (probably over a weekend). We will have fun and activities planned, but this will not be a typical convention like the Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, etc.

The conference will be open to all persons interested in leadership in the transgender community. The format will be like a town meeting. A panel of speakers will give brief presentations followed by open discussion between the panel and the group leaders in the audience. Topics will relate to issues affecting our community and group functions and activities.

Lodging, meeting facilities, meals, as well as outside activities such as French Quarter tours, Aquarium of the Americas visit, shopping excursions will be arranged by GAGA members.

If this is to be successful, we will need help from our community's leaders. Moreover, if this idea is attractive to you, I would appreciate any advice you could give. Please let me know if you would be interested in speaking at the conference. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ashley Stevens, President
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CALL FOR HELP FROM SHEILA KIRK, MD, IN ON-GOING PROJECTS

Helping me, eventually could help you.

1. A call for postoperative M-F and F-M transsexuals for an in-depth survey conducted by Sheila Kirk at IFGE.

I want to send to the post-operative individual a survey which asks in-depth questions about transition, medical care and the surgery experienced. I want to know about post-surgical medical care and the things that the individual experiences here and now in the work place. Please contact me and send to me your willingness to participate along with your name and address. I stress to you that taking part in this survey will not put you in any measure of insecurity. Your name will never be used, only the data that you supply me with.

2. The Teenage Crossdressing Study. This very important youth study is still in motion. It is a longitudinal study that will go on for a considerable length of time. I continue to need members of the community to be alert to male youngsters in the 12-19 year old age group and I ask, once again, that they refer them to me for my inquiry and continuing evaluation or if their parents or therapists are willing to talk to me, I will welcome that contact as well.

3. Health-care Professional Referral List. I have a health-care professional referral list which I maintain and continue to use to refer individuals to responsible and responsive health-care professionals all over the United States. One of the very important ways in which this can be continued is to ask that members of the community who have located health-care professionals (i.e., physicians, psychologists and psychiatrists) who they feel are competent and knowledgeable be made known to me at IFGE. Please forward their names, addresses, phone numbers and their specialties so that I can include them in my lists.

4. To those who speak at universities and colleges, I am very anxious to identify individuals who speak to sociology and psychology classes at various institutions of higher learning. I am particularly interested in those individuals who are asked to give information to groups that are taking higher degree training in these areas. I would like very much to place issues of the *Tapestry* magazine in your hands. I ask that you will take the *Tapestry* magazine to those classes and give a copy to each and every member of the group to whom you speak.

This will provide a window to the community. It will amplify a great deal of what it is that you tell that particular group and it will give them insight into IFGE. This allows them to have access to IFGE for additional information, now and in the future. Your efforts to give accurate information can be accentuated by providing that contact with IFGE. If you will please get in touch with me, telling me of your willingness to participate in this and give me some details of the number of classes in a year that you conduct, I will be glad to work with you in providing an ample number of *Tapestry* issues. Your outreach can have a double effect. Please respond to this, for I think this is very important.

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TIFFANY CLUB ANNOUNCES 12th ANNUAL FIRST EVENT

The twelfth annual FIRST EVENT, sponsored by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc., will be held in the Crowne Plaza, 1260 Worcester Road, Natick, Massachusetts USA the week of January 26-30, 1994.

Many people think of FIRST EVENT as they do of other nationally sponsored functions. FIRST EVENT is, as its name suggests, the first event of the calendar year. FIRST EVENT, however, is unlike other organization-sponsored events in that, first, we do not expect you to attend everything provided for you by the event sponsor. We instead make several things available, and then expect you to chose on an à la carte basis those things of interest and benefit to you, and we do it with an all-inclusive fee. Second, we recognize that not everyone is experienced and comfortable in a public setting, and particularly, may feel very emotional about their personal security while out. We also recognize that to grow as a person and to attain that experience and comfort that you must have, you have to get out into the public. We provide three separate programs/activities to help you to get out and to enjoy yourself, as you learn and grow. Third, you don't have to go out if you do not wish too. There are things going on in the hotel nearly all of the time to keep you busy, while still offering you the opportunity to learn and grow. Fourth, because we are in a large metropolitan area with unlimited things to do and see, we encourage you to break from the provided programs and to get out on your own. To that end, we can offer you many options and possibilities. Lastly, but no less important, we make it possible for couples and others in a special relationship to enjoy themselves as individuals while also preserving and enhancing their mutual beings. How would we summarize FIRST EVENT? We think of it as an ultimate opportunity to come out, to test, to learn, to grow, while remaining safe under a blanket of security and the experience of others.

Wednesday is registration and welcoming day. Thursday starts the program, with First Person/New Person orientation all day, together with vendor displays and outside-the-hotel activities. Thursday evening we do dinner early, and then relax by the pool for the remainder of the evening. Friday continues the Thursday schedule, with a welcoming buffet scheduled for evening, and the couples meeting after the buffet. Saturday morning is our breakfast and fashion show for the attendees. We will also offer an orientation course for people outside the gender community (the gay community, law enforcement personnel, women's organizations, mental health professionals, corporate human resource managers, etc). In the afternoon, shopping is the main attraction, with the local vendors expecting you at their places of business. Saturday night is the annual FIRST EVENT BANQUET, a formal affair where we take a few minutes to recognize our people who have contributed to our well-being in the past year, we enjoy a fabulous meal, and with the help of our musicians, we party til we drop. Sunday morning, for those few souls who can get themselves out of bed with only a few hours sleep, the hotel has a fabulous brunch available (8:00 am to 2:00 pm), and then we close, often with tears, and always with hugs.

We suggest that you stay in the Crowne, although you do not have to. (The Crowne provides us with a special FIRST EVENT room rate and is very flexible with how many utilize it.) Your event registration fee covers everything on our schedule (except, of course, your room), including the get-togethers for couples, for New Persons, and for First Persons, swimming Thursday, the buffet Friday, the fashion show and breakfast on Saturday, and the Banquet on Saturday night. For more information and a registration form, contact:

Tiffany Club of New England, Inc.
P O Box 2283
Woburn, MA 01888-0483 USA
or call 617/891-9325, or by modem 617/899-3230 (n,8,1).

Please join us for something that is different, very exciting, and very personally rewarding.

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DREAM WEEKEND

REUNION IN PORTLAND AT IFGE'S 1994 COMING TOGETHER WORKING TOGETHER CONVENTION, OREGON, USA

Remember the DREAM WEEKENDS that were held on the west coast in the late '70s and early '80s? They were the first of their kind back then. One evening at the 1994 Coming Together Working Together Convention will be spent gathering those who attended these early events to honor those who were the pioneers. If you went to a DREAM WEEKEND and would like to be a part of the reunion, or if you have pictures of the DREAM WEEKENDS, please contact:

Jennifer
c/o St. Louis Gender Foundation
P O Box 9433
St. Louis MO 63117

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MYRIAD UNITES CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES

The Myriad Network is an umbrella organization that provides a forum for group leadership to meet, exchange ideas to make our Northern Berkshire lives more livable and fulfilling. Myriad is not in competition with other groups. Its purpose is to be of service while fostering a spirit of camaraderie between the Lesbian, Gay and remarkably diffuse Transgender communities.

Several different groups meet separately in North Berkshire to address and discuss topics and issues of the Gay, Lesbian or Transgender experience. It is necessary that they do. Birds of a feather will always flock together. Until now, as a means to sustain community survival, that has worked. But the dynamics of "a community" have changed. It is growing.

Since April, these questions now arise: Is there such divisiveness within our combined population that a sparrow and a goose cannot drink from the same pond? Though one prefers berries, another insects, and yet another road kill, which is less a bird? Though we make and have very different nesting patterns, don't we all share the same sky?

Nationally, Gays in the military is a heated topic of debate likely to be resolved only in the Supreme Court. Locally, the Northern Berkshire United Way and the Williamstown Community Chest made difficult decisions not to fund the Great Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America because of the organizations' stance on Gays. We all should expect a right wing backlash from these actions. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Ay, we must all hang together, else we shall hang separately."

Our people cut across all socio-economic-educational boundaries. Perhaps the only thing we share is the experience of coming to terms with ourselves in a hostile environment. Though that may seem trivial, it may well be the only bond that holds this evolving community together. If we expect anything to change for the good, we cannot remain cloistered.

For information on meeting times and location, contact:

THE MYRIAD NETWORK
P O Box 288
Williamstown MA 01267
USA

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Viva Las Vegas!

A new group opens up in Nevada. Silk, Satin and Lace Girls is a QUEEN'S very private place, so join us, Girls, for fun and games. After all, being a woman is our primary aim!

The **Silk Satin & Lace Girls** is a unique sorority for transvestites, transsexuals, drag queens, female impersonators, crossdressers, she-males, sissy bitches, sex slaves, French maids and others who enjoy this lifestyle. It is a membership group with many benefits.

We feature a lingerie boutique, book store, club house, service bar, and offer classes in makeup, wig styling, feminine wardrobe, and have group and individual therapy. We have the optional services of a physician and a psychiatrist who specialize in transsexualism. We also have at our disposal a beautician who offers painless waxing and paraffin treatments.

We also have femme sleep overs on weekends (for members only) here to meet and greet our new sister members, dress up, party, and model. Our sorority will take photographs of you in various outfits, to your girlish delight. Our boutique can outfit you from head to toe with sexy lingerie, makeup and wigs. So join our Silk, Satin & Lace Girls and let the girl in you come out of the closet forever. You will meet others who share the same dreams, desires and feminine lifestyle.

Western Village, Suite 7
870 Siera Vista Drive
Las Vegas NV 89109 USA
(702) 735-0074

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TEXAS T PARTY in San Antonio planned for 1994

The Texas T- Party issued the following press release:

The magical TEXAS T PARTY,
The Largest Gender Event In The World,
FEBRUARY 25-27, 1994,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS .

Yes, the Texas T Party is the choice of the gender community. Crossdressers who know pick the T Party over any other event two to one. Read what crossdressers around say about the T.

"I know I won't ever run into my Aunt Bessie at the T." Beatrice Broadbottom, Hogs Run, Wyoming

"Bigger than the county fair at home." Milicent Matters, Cut 'n' Shoot, Texas

"A place where I can be me." Michael Jackson, Never Never Land, California

"Can I bring my closet?" Unknown, Somewhere, USA

"I was pleasantly surprised." Jaye Davidson, London, England

Affirmation of vows at the 1993 T Party

Yes, these are just some of the unsolicited kudos the T brought from the gender crowd at this year's event.

And this year, on our sixth birthday (remember your sixth birthday when you didn't get that pink dress you had been nagging your parents for all year?), we are pulling out all the stops to celebrate. A newer (it had to be newer, the old hotel was built in 1946!) hotel. More seminars. More parties, but still that low, low price you expect from the T. Don't freeze at a gender event. This year, come to *WARM, PLEASANT SAN ANTONIO*, where the sun spends the winter!

Our new hotel is a vast improvement over the old one. It is one of the finest hotels in San Antonio, located in the heart of the shopping mall district. Two major malls are within walking distance. It is close to the airport. You are going to love it because the same T magic prevails!

The Texas T Party is brought to you by that tiny little support group deep in the heart of Texas:

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P O Box 17
Bulverde TX 78163

Telephone
(210) 980-7788

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THE TEXAS 'T' PARTY
Sixth Annual
A fun weekend for cross-dressers and their friends
February 25, 26, 27, 1994
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Come for:
a weekend to dress with the girls, the Texas sun and warm weather, the activities, the outings, meet new and old friends.

TEXAS T PARTY
P. O. Box 700042
San Antonio, TX 78270
(210) 980-7788

TV/TG/TS YOUTH GROUP FORMED

On Monday, October 11, 1993, **TRANSFORMATION** began meeting at the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center, 123 Collingwood (near 18th Street) in San Francisco, California.

Transformation is a drop in social group set up to provide a supportive space for transgender, transsexual, transvestite, and questioning youth 23 and under to discuss issues relating to gender identities, sex, and gender roles.

A changing space will be provided. Facilitators are both transgendered, one male-to-female and one female-to-male transsexual.

Client referrals can be made to the LYRIC Talkline, 863-3636 (outside San Francisco, 1-800-246-PRIDE). Other referrals (human or material resources) can be made to Matt Rice or Phil Clark at 703-6150.

Young people who identify as transsexual, transgendered, transvestite, or who have questions around gender issues are urged to attend these meetings.

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PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Would you like an artistic portrait of yourself that captures the person who lives inside?

Mariette Pathy Allen
author of
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Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them'
(Photographs and interviews with crossdressers & transgenderists and their partners, children, & friends, E.P. Dutton, Inc., NYC.)
(Available through IFGE.)

Tapestry cover photographer ◆ IFGE 1991 Trinity Award Recipient
Friend & chronicler of the Gender Community since 1977,
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Call: ***(212) 496 - 0655***

Call For Papers

Empathy is an inter-disciplinary journal for persons working to end oppression on the basis of sexual identities. Published twice per year, *Empathy* is edited by James Sears, Ph.D., author of *Growing Up in the South: Race, Gender, and Journeys of the Spirit* (1991, Harrington Park Press).

Empathy is committed to including articles by and about transgendered persons in *every* issue. We are looking for intelligently written articles which meet our basic goal—the ability to function in society without oppression, no matter what one's sexual or gender identity.

For guidelines, please contact either Dr. James Sears, Editor and Publisher, or Dallas Denny, Acquisitions Editor.

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Laws Against DISCRIMINATION Already On Books In CANADA

TransEqual has been distributing documents to each of Canada's provincial Human Rights Commissions and promoting new insights designed to obtain full rights enforcement under existing law. They have made considerable progress and a couple of agencies are investigating issues that have been raised.

Every piece of legislation you need to begin filing your own human rights complaints is already on the books. The insight documents are in place. All you have to do is approach your human rights problems on the grounds of Sex Discrimination. Your rights are all there waiting for you to come forward and claim them.

Discrimination is a crime wherein one person is treated differently than others for some arbitrary reason. To assess if you are suffering discrimination, you need only answer three question:

□ In this situation, am I being treated differently than the people around me?

□ Am I being treated differently here than I have been in similar situations elsewhere?

□ Why am I being treated differently?

If you are being treated differently in Housing, Employment, Commercial Establishments, etc. and for reasons such as Sex, Race, Color, Religion, etc. that are covered by Human Rights Codes having jurisdiction in your province, you probably have a very good premise for a complaint.

For example, it is discriminatory to ask a crossdressed male to leave a dress shop. It denies a male access to services readily available to females. In answer to the above questions: the male is being treated differently than the females in the same store; the same male is being treated differently here than in other clothing shops; and the different treatment is because of maleness. This is discrimination in provision of Commercial Services because of Sex. It could and should be prosecuted as a human rights complaint.

Have no fear, you will not end up outing yourself. All Human Rights Complaints are strictly confidential. There is no reason to fear that anyone other than the Human Rights Officers working on you case will find out about your lifestyle or the circumstances of your complaint. Also, if you are prosecuting on the grounds of Sex Discrimination, there are circumstances (as in the example) where your lifestyle does not need to be a part of the complaint.

TransEqual has taken the quest for rights as far as it can without people filing complaints. It now falls to individuals to stand up and confront their oppressors through cases filed with provincial and federal Human Rights Commissions.

It may not be easy at first. Historically, the first complaints of any new kind have failed. However, creating a demand for rights enforcement services will also trigger a two-way learning process that will soon enough lead to an ever-increasing number of successful cases.

TransEqual will be happy to do what it can to assist any serious complainant or any Human Rights Officer who contacts them. If you have any questions, or want more information, please contact them.

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WIGSTOCK GETS HEAT FROM COUNCIL

Wigstock, the annual drag queen festival held in New York City had one city councilman splitting hairs.

The "Lady" Bunny who created the nine-year-old celebration has run into some opposition from City Councilman Antonio Pagan who wants the city to trim the all-day schedule of dancing and drag performances to four hours. "Wigstock," says the "Lady" Bunny, "transforms the entire neighborhood into an all-day party, and four hours is not an all-day party."

Though the councilman is openly gay, sources claim Pagan is trying to garner support from conservative voters in his East Village District. "We bring thousands of dollars to local businesses and world-wide media coverage with Wigstock," says the "Lady" Bunny. Manhattan borough president Ruth Messinger, who has attended Wigstock for several years, is attempting to intercede on behalf of the event's planners.

Pagan did not return calls.

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Legal Aspects Reprint

The IFGE Publication *LEGAL ASPECTS OF TRANSSEXUALISM,* presently in backorder will be printed in a a small run to fill outstanding orders in November. Until further notice the title is now no longer available. For current information on this subject we suggest writing the International Conference on Transgendered Law listed in this issue and ordering transcripts of their annual meeting.

DRAG KING WORKSHOPS

(FOR WOMEN ONLY)

PRESENTED BY DIANE TORR

Have you ever wanted to dress like a man, try on the male guise and enter the male domain? In this workshop, participants will explore another identity—as one of the opposite sex. You will learn the basic male behavioral patterns, how to walk, sit, talk and lie down—as a man.

How do men use space? How do they pick up an object? How do they assume the importance that they feel is their birthright, handed down to them from Adam? All this is conveyed in gesture and physical behavior and can be learned in this workshop. If and when this guise is perfected, this alter-ego can be of untold value, as when showing your art work to gallery owners and curators. Just learning the behavior is useful in career advancement, or even in something as simple as getting your full share of a seat on the subway!

Participants must supply the clothing they will need for their male persona. Please think carefully about the kind of man you would like to become and bring the appropriate outfit. Also bring hair gel, wide bandage if you need one to bind the breasts, and a fake penis (the most convincing is a piece of tubular bandage, stuffed with cotton wool and sewn at either end).

The workshop will end with a visit to a public space where we will test our new identities.

Diane Torr is a performance artist whose work investigates the nature of identity. She has twelve years of experience performing in drag. She has presented performances and conducted workshops throughout Europe, the US and Canada, most recently at the European Dance Development Center in Holland. This fall she is on the faculty of the New School in New York, teaching Gender as Performance Art. Diane lives and works in New York where as a crossdresser, she is a member of the female-to-male (F2M) fraternity. Call (212) 614-0815 for dates and locations of workshops.

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Marjorie Garber's *VESTED INTERESTS* NOW AVAILABLE IN GERMAN TRANSLATION

The exhaustive historical analysis of crossdressing, *Vested Interests* has been translated into German and is available in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. The title *Verhuellte Interessen - Transvestismus und kulturelle Angst* ISBN 3-10-024405-2 is published by S. Fischer Verlag GmbH, Hedderichstr. 114, 60596 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

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TRANSSEXUAL'S HOLLYWOOD OBSSESSION

Hollywood's Obsession is a 1992 book by Angela Douglas that has been completely suppressed by the gay and establishment media, and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Douglas, 50, is a transsexual, born male, who underwent a publicized sex change by surgery in the 1970s and founded a rights group for transsexuals, the Transsexual Action Organization. As the TAO was out of the mainstream of the gay and lesbian movement, gays and lesbians began stealing Douglas's creative works and life story in the 1970s in a brutal attack on Douglas personally, pirated all they could—in league with heterosexual bigots and thieves in Hollywood.

Over fifty movies, TV shows, several novels and even a cartoon show, "Doug," are distorted thefts of Douglas's life story in part, mixed with fiction. Tens of millions of dollars were made from the transsexual, who was denied ACLU and other legal aid. Douglas unsuccessfully sued, in pro per, ABC, MCA, Tristar and others on theft in federal court in 1987, and the singer, songwriter, musician, writer and ufologist sank into poverty and homelessness, nearly dying on the streets.

In 1988, all and homeless, Douglas fell into the hands of Ku Klux Klan supporters and Baptist fanatics in rural Florida and was held a virtual POW by them for three years, beaten, tortured and abused. But, in 1991, Douglas miraculously won a nearly a quarter of a million dollars in the Florida lottery, escaped, and self-published this astounding book.

In addition, the FBI has harassed Douglas five times since 1980 on behalf of Hollywood's thieves—including lesbian separatists who stole material from Douglas's life story for a TV commercial for a car company. Kresser-Craig ad company, Daihatsu Cars, ABC, Jerry Bruckheimer, Garry Marshall, Blake Edwards and others all had the FBI harass and terrorize the destitute transsexual—while they made millions from the transsexual.

All of this is detailed in *Hollywood's Obsession*, now at City Lights Books consignment section, 261 Columbus, San Francisco, or by mail for $6.00 (USPS money order preferred from:
Angela Douglas
146 Leavenworth Street
San Francisco CA 94102

The book includes news items from the early 1970s through 1992, briefs from the law suits, etc. *Hollywood's Obsession* discusses over fifty movies and TV shows. Dealer inquiries are invited.

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ANNOUNCING THE PUBLICATION OF *LOVE CALENDAR: THE SECRETS OF LOVE*

Crossdressing is almost synonymous with secrets: the hidden agenda and the attempt to keep an important part of life from family and friends. Some people have facetiously claimed the crossdressing community to be a prime recruiting field for the CIA. But, the primary focus on security frequently obscures joy when fear of discovery becomes a prevailing theme in a relationship.

LOVE CALENDAR: the Secrets of Love presents a fresh new set of secrets, those which have the power to supersede concerns and lay the foundation for loving unconditionally. It is very difficult to work through gender issues if there are other problems standing in the way of resolution. We all know how quickly wedded bliss can be conquered by the anxiety, guilt and loneliness which may be associated with crossdressing. While the references to gender are subtle within this book, each person will learn coping skills needed for acceptance. This book is recommended for:

- The wife of a crossdresser who is not yet emotionally prepared to read the traditional gender literature;
- Any couple seeking a happy, lasting relationship;
- Those persons who are still searching for love;
- Persons seeking daily guidance in their quest for happiness;
- Helping professionals looking for new "tools of the trade."

LOVE CALENDAR will help people find and preserve love. In a wise and inspiring manner, Dr. Rudd combines quotations with common sense applications. In this compassionate book, the author encourages readers to spend five minutes daily in the "Love Exercise." This small investment of time will greatly enhance the capacity for love. This book will be an invaluable addition to any library, but it will be especially useful for couples who share the added dimension of crossdressing.

This is the third book by Dr. Peggy Rudd, author of *My Husband Wears My Clothes* and *Crossdressing with Dignity*. It available for $9.95 plus $2,00 postage and handling from:

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Boston's *Getting Real*

by Dale Hamilton

Getting Real is pleased to announce that we now have a new advisor, a local Episcopal priest named William Lowe (but we call him Father Bill).

Some new faces have joined our circle at the last couple of *Getting Real* meetings. Terry and Kim are both male-to-female, and Lori is Kim's genetic female significant other; Diana and Andrea have both dropped in after hiatuses.

You heard correctly - we now welcome significant others, as well as the usual suspects (those interested in reassignment, the intersexed, and professionals).

Angel has generously loaned us her video collection, and for the last several months we have shown a videotape at each meeting to supplement the support and information exchange portions of the meeting. Recent presentations included the *ABC Prime Time* piece on Dr. Stanley Biber and Trinidad Colorado (for some a preview, and for all a bit of a reality check), and a video of the surgery itself (a real reality check).

Books featured at recent meetings included:

- *Man & Woman, Boy & Girl: differentiation and dimorphism of gender identity from conception to maturity*, by John Money and Anke Ehrhardt (1972): an important look at the biological causes of the physical differences and similarities between the sexes.
- *Attitude: commonsense defense for women*, by Lisa Sliwa (1986): a real-world guide to avoiding trouble, and for protecting yourself if you can't avoid it.
- *The Doctor's Book on Hair Loss*, by Aldhizer, Krop, and Dunn (1983): a depressing subject, but valuable information if you can act in time.
- *As a Woman*, photographed by Barry Kay (1976): a sympathetic and honest photo essay depicting a cross-section of the diverse transsexual community in Sydney, Australia.

As *Getting Real* approaches it's second anniversary we look forward to issuing our first guide to resources in the Boston area, and maps for getting to the meetings.

We meet at 4:00 the first Sunday each month; we are near the T, and have free indoor parking, security, refreshments, information, support, and sometimes even entertainment. For further information, the group charter, directions, maps, etc., write: Dale Hamilton, *Getting Real* Post Office Box 194, West Newton, Mass. 02165. [Please note our new address.]

VERNON'S CATERS TO *ALL* LIFESTYLES

While most retail operations are concentrating on new sales and gimmicks to attract customers, Vernon Porter, owner of Vernon's Specialties in Waltham, Massachusetts, USA, is busy attending to other important matters, his customers. Vernon's takes pride in the fact that their customer base is comprised of unique and interesting people from all walks of life. "We cater to all lifestyles here at Vernon's," notes Mr. Porter. "We make sure that our retail store is staffed with caring people who understand our customers and their needs."

A large part of Vernon's customer base comes from the crossdressing (transgendered) community. At Vernon's, customers can shop in a relaxing, supportive atmosphere and receive everything one would need to make a complete transformation. In addition to carrying a full line of fashions and accessories, Vernon's offers a wide range of educational materials and instruction for those who are in the discovery stages of crossdressing.

As an activist, Vernon works hard to break down the myths that crossdressers are mentally unstable sickos and/or gay. "Another common myth is that those who crossdress are only a minimal part of today's population," says Mr. Porter, who prefers to be called Vernon. "Quite to the contrary," he says, "crossdressing in its many stages, affects all walks of life, all ages, from ditch-diggers to presidential assistants. From those who don't have a dime to that are multimillionaires, crossdressing is all around us."

Vernon is quick to point out that crossdressing is not something you learn or simply desire to do. It is a part of you. You are born with it and it is with you from the time of conception.

Part of the reason for Vernon's success lies in the fact that he educates his customers and the gender public. This enables individuals to comfortably turn to Vernon's Specialties for guidance and support. It has been this kind of understanding and commitment to individuals and their families that has helped so many who are trying to deal with a transgender lifestyle.

In yet another show of support and affirmation to the crossdresser and his/her family, Vernon's is in the process of building a complete Transformation Center that will afford anyone the opportunity to partake of crossdressing on every level. This Transformation Center is like nowhere else in the world. There will be a Beauty/Barber Shop, a Wig and Makeup Area, a Dressing Facility (complete with shoes and clothing), a Social Area, and an Educational Facility for classes, seminars and clinics in this new complex. The Transformation Center will also feature Overnight Guest Accommodations. "Others offer something similar to the transgendered community, but our new facility will be all-inclusive for the crossdresser and their family."

Vernon's is catering to crossdressers around the world through his mail order division. One can place an order through his catalogues that feature hundreds of items designed and bought with the crossdresser in mind. Vernon's sends out monthly newsletters to anyone wishing to be on his mailing list. To receive information about Vernon's contact Vernon Porter, President, or Tone Lane, Director of Advertising and Marketing at:

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CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS

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5-7: Harmony Weekend, Scarborough, England
Martine Rose, P O Box 339, Sheffield, ENGLAND S1 3SX

10-14: Holiday En Femme, Burbank, California USA
Holiday En Femme, 1757-D, W. Carson Street, #306, Torrance CA 90501

11-14: Ft. Lauderdale Fling, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA
Sheer Illusions, 2651 N. Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale FL 33306
Telephone (305) 566-3723

19-21: Riverside Gala Weekend, Erie, Pennsylvania USA
Erie Sisters CD Club, 2115 W. 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505

19-21: Beaumont Social Weekend and Conference, Rotheram, England
Janett Scott, 72 Putteridge Road, Stopsley, England LU2 8HP
Telephone 0582-32936

JANUARY, 1994

14-16: Gala Ball '94, Southern Belles, Iowa City, Iowa USA
Iowa Artistry, P O Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0075

26-30: First Event, Natick, Massachusetts USA
Tiffany Club/New England, POB 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483

29: Miss ETVC Pageant and Cotillion '94, San Francisco, California USA
ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142
(510) 549-2665 or 849-4112

FEBRUARY, 1994

25-27: 6th Annual Texas T Party, San Antonio, Texas USA
Texas T Party, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270 USA

4-6: Full Circle of Women (for people living their lives as women), Essex, Massachusetts USA
Janis Walworth, P O B 52, Ashby MA 01431 (508) 386-7737

MARCH, 1994

12-20: Coming Together Convention, Portland, Oregon USA
IFGE, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367 USA

APRIL, 1994

Annual Event, Transidentitas-Tagung, Frankfurt, GERMANY
Transidentitas e. V., Postfach 10 10 46, D-63010, Offenbach, GERMANY

27-May 1: California Dreamin', Burbank, California USA
PPOC, P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686

21-24: Moonlight in Manhattan, New York City, USA
Greater New York Gender Alliance, c/o Lynda Frank, 330 w. 45th Street, Apt 3-E, New York NY 10036 USA
Telephone (212) 765-3561

30-May 7: EuroFantasia, Ebeltoft, Denmark
EuroFantasia, Box 442, N-4301 Sandnes, NORWAY Fax: Intercode+47-51 66 24 22

MAY, 1994

31-June 1: 14th Annual Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Provincetown, MA USA
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483 USA (617) 891-9325 (7-10pm Tuesdays EST)

Pompano Paradise, Pompano/Ft. Lauderdale, Florida USA
Tanya Loser, P O Box 26441, Tamarac FL 33320-6441

19-22: Paradise in the Poconos, Canadensis, Pennsylvania USA
Creative Design Services, P O Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406
(215) 640-9449

JUNE, 1994

8-12: 12th Annual Be All You Want To Be, Chicago, Illinois USA
Naomi Owen, Be All Weekend, P O Box 342, Chicago IL 60690 USA
(708) 364-9514

JULY, 1994

6-10: Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE),
Chicago, Illinois USA
Linda Peacock, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314

AUGUST, 1994

17-21: 3nd Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Houston, Texas USA
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SEPTEMBER, 1994

15-18: Paradise in the Poconos, Canadensis, Pennsylvania USA
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OCTOBER, 1994

4-7: Dignity Cruise V, aboard the Delta Queen, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA
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(Updated November 1993)

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TV/TS - THE MYRIAD NETWORK: P O Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267
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✍ Quarterly newsletter, *The Myriad Network News.*

TV/TS/SO - AXA: c/o Zoë Durga, P O B1331, W.Concord MA 01742.
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SO - **ALCHEMY:** Raven Kaldera, send mail c/o IFGE,.

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TS - **GETTING REAL:** P O B 194, West Newton MA 02165.

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TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE:** TGA, P O Box 38-1005, Cambridge MA 02238.

A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the Gender Bill of Rights.

TV/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653.

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MAINE (038-047)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT:** Box 17622, Portland ME 04101.

Monthly meetings. Inquire for time.

Trans-Talk

MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE: c/o Jean Churchill, P O Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894.

Volunteer organization working to provide information, referrals, and support to Maine's transgendered community, and education about gender dysphoria to the public. NOT a support group.

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HOAC,405 Western Ave., Ste. 345, South Portland ME 04106. Ariadne Kane,Director

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☎ 207-621-0858.

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VERMONT (050-059)

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, POB163, Farmington CT 06034.

Social and educational organization. Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month. Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Membership /recommendation required .

The Outreach News

TV/TS - **YE CG BRITS**: c/o P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA.
Open to British born Male to Female crossgendered who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British born TGs for friendship and support. We also wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. We shall be keeping in contact with TG groups in Great Britain.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY) CLUB**: Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.
XX Club is the TS peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends/ relatives e welcome. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off Main Street, opposite G. Fox & Company). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membe-rship $20.00/year includes a subscrip-tion to the newsletter. Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in trans-sexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

XX, published bi-monthly

IMAGES:, P O Box 85, Thompson CT 06277
Provides peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community. Group meetings and individual counseling. 24-hour crisis hotline to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations. Call for phone interview. Safe and secure meeting place.

☎ (203) 779-2465.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. The Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones, Director
Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy. Also provides screening for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.

☎ (203) 646-8651

NEW JERSEY (070-088)

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS**: Boxholder, P O Box 110, Norwood NJ 07648
Support group using the twelve-step recovery program to help gender-conflicted individuals heal from the effects of gender identity conflict. The twelve steps are adapted from Alcolholics Anonymous. Meets every Thursday night at 8:00 in Teaneck, NJ. No fees, but there is a collection within the group.

☎ (908) 721-7469, Kate.

TV/TS - **MONMOUTH/OCEAN GROUP:** , POBox 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.
Affiliated with Renaissance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

TV/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK**: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.
Nature: Social and support group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**: Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960
Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required.

☎ (201) 663-0772.

TV/TS - **RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER:** , P OBox 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330.
Kara Forward, chapter leader.
Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm.

☎ (609)435-5401

▲ - **SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.
Meets the fourth Saturday of each month.

☎ (609) 586-1351

TRANSSEXUAL ORGANIZATION SELFHELP: c/ o A. J. Gilberti, 6 Firethorn Way, Toms River NJ 08755.
Nature: Phone networking—selfhelp for male-to-female, partial or full transsexual. A way to talk and possibly meet others.
Services: Phone.Contact by mail.

▲ -**CHI DELTA MU**, P O Box 203, Oradell NJ 07649-0203
Tri-Fss Chapter.

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA:** CDI, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001. . S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners,

☎ (212) 629-5750

TV/TS - **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK**: Imperial Queens of New York, Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, NY,NY 10011.
A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, yet positive element of society. "If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals."

☎ (212) 580-9862, (516) 889-1980.

Imperially Yours

TV/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK**:561 Hudson Street, Box45, New York NY 10014.
Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday., social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries.

☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332.
(718) 461-9050

City Lights

TS - **SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS (STA)**:
A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

☎ Answering service 212-969-0888.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY**: , Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163;
For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type.
Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times.

☎ (212) 477-6588

▲ - **CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: ,P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475.
Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Interested in attracting wives and girl friends. Over 75 paid members, in existence over five years.

☎ (201) 663-0772.

TV/TS/SO - **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, POB 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007.
An open social support group, meetings are held.

☎ (201) 794-1665, ext 202.

Lipstick and Lace

▲ - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:LIFE**, c/o Vickie Stone, POB 31,Hempstead NY 11551.
Social support group, the Lambda Iota chapter of Tri-Fss.

Lifelines

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB**: TGIC, Box 13604,Albany NY 12212-3604
Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all.

☎(518) 436-4513 (Thursdays 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).

Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO B 177,Tillson NY 12486-0177.
Clergy and professionals are also welcome. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral .

TV/TS/SO - **EON (Expressing Our Nature):** 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226.
Open support regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. EON provides the context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: peer support meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events. EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly. Safe and secure, providing opportunity to explore gender identity safely.

▲ - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS**: c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820
Centered in Troy, Albany, Schenectady area. Monthly meetings, library, affiliated with TGIC in Albany.
Security: Screening.

☎ (607) 547-4118.

Cornbury's Closet , quarterly

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO:** , c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220.

TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings.

▲ - **NU PHI CHI:** Denise Miller, 7954 Transit Road S197, Williamsville NY 14221.
Good manners, taste and common sense expected. Monthly meetings, occasional meeting notices. Meetings usually held on the second Saturday of the month in a secure environment. Changing rooms available. New members screened .

TV/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** POB 92055, Rochester NY 14692
Support group , mostly from upstate NY. Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.
☎ (716) 251-2132
CD News

GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT
Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, NYC, NY 10011
Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals. Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professinal referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services for male and female transsexuals. The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and professionally supervised.
☎ (212) 620-7310

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A private service providing counselling, research, and education. Individual counselling is provided by Dr. Peo, a Board-certified sexologist. Counselling is for transgendered persons and their significant others. Referrals are made where appropriate. Classes, seminars, and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate-level students and for other groups.
☎ (914) 452-8405

MARY LYNNE WHITE:
(212) 978-8520
Nature: Counseling services focusing on creating inner balance between male and female energies, inner child work, rebirthing.

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TV/TS - **TRANSPITT:** TransPitt, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230
Nature: TransPitt has an open membership policy. Meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referral required for new member.
☎ (412) 231-1181.

CD/SO - **ERIE SISTERS:** 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261,Erie PA 16505.
Good manners, taste and common sense expected. Monthly meetings, newsletter. Meetings in every even numbered month are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room provided.
Newsletter

CD/TS - **RENAISSANCE -LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122.BrendaDavidson,chapter leader
For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month at Cameron Cut Rate, Cameron and Market Streets, Harrisburg, PA.
☎ (717) 780-1578.

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, POB 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director,KarenCioe,NYCCoordinator.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020.. Michelle Lynn, Chapter Leader.
For the gender community at large. Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Meetings start at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call above number. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, as well as socials/community activities.Chapter Leader Maryann Kirkland
☎ (215) 630-1437

TS - **PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP:** P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103
To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals. No drugs or excess baggage.
☎ (215) 567-7879.

RENAISSANCE - READING:
Charter has been revoked by the National Board. For information, write National Secretary Susan Crane, P O Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** Box 60552,King of Prussia PA 19406.
Dedicated to the support and education of the transgendered community and the general population. It is an open group that accepts without judgement and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities.
For professionals: Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help under-stand transgender behavior.
☎ (215) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

PERSAD CENTER, INC.
5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616
Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins.
Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others. Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for trans-sexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormonal therapy, and sex-reassignment therapy.
☎ (412) 441-0857

DELAWARE (197-199)

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

TV/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:**c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724.
Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.
☎ (301) 277-5475.

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON :** TGEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215.
(formerly DCEA) Social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. , affiliated with couples group and MAGA (TS support). Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community.
☎ (301) 949-3822.
The Pinnacle, Bi-monthly

MARYLAND (206-218)

THE BRIDGE CLUB: c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.

TV/TS - **MY CHOICE:** c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway, #1A; Baltimore MD 21231
Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. We usually go out sociali-zing after meetings. Shopping, makeup and coming-out help available.
☎ (410) 732-4546

COUNSEL FOR RELATIONSHIPS:
Rusty Lynn,BD,MSW,LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (301) 652-6448

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES,INC.:
H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 2114 N. Charles Street,Ste 3 Baltimore MD 21218
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (410) 528-1638

VIRGINIA (220-246)

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE :** MAGA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. .
MAGA is a support and rap group formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.
☎ (301) 977-0938

TV - **BLACK ROSE:** P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210
Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in Washington, DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.
☎ (301) 369-7667

TV - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET:** P O Box 29142, Richmond VA 23242-0142
Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.
☎ (804) 320-8737

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS
Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (703) 532-8723

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT
Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015
Intake and evaluation center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS. A carefully prepared gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care for transsexually inclined persons. Applicants to this program are subjected to a thorough screening by a highly qualified staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.
☎ (804) 622-9900

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANS-WV:** POB2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.
Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. We plan to establish some form of outreach.
Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

TV/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TGA, c/o L. Hahn, P O Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114c/o Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427
Nature: Non-profit, nonsexual social and support group for CDs, androgynes, TSs and their significant others.
Services: Monthly meetings, referrals to professionals.
Security: Interview required.

TV/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** GDANC, P O Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145
To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need someone to talk to. Meetings on the third Saturday of every month at a private apartment.
☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ - **KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS:** P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101.
Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.Meet s s odd numbered months in Charlotte.
The Pink Slip

TV/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANSSENSUAL ALLIANCE:** Divinity (J. G.), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100
Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club, either. No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. SOs welcome. Referrals to supportive merchants, consultants, clubs, etc.
☎ (704) 531-8838 (voice mail).
All the Beautiful People!

▲ - **CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519.
See 'Tri-Ess,' Tulare CA.

TV/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.
Meet every other month. Atmosphere casual, social, therapeutic. Open discussions, programs,professional referrals.

LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC: 940 Hutton Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101;
Nature: Nationally certified counselor specializing in gender-related issues.
Services: Psychotherapy addressing concerns of CDs, TGs, TSs and their significant others.
☎ (919) 727-0008

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

GEORGIA (300-319)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272, Roswell GA 30077
Monthly meetings.
The Southern Belle
☎ Helpline: (404) 642-9652

TV/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION:** AGE, P O Box 2015, Lawrenceville GA 30246;
Membership open to anyone with a ender concern, f amilies, friends. Meet twice a month in a major hotel.
☎ Helpline: (404) 642-9652.
Atlanta Gender Chronicle

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, ecatur GA 30033; Contact: Jerry Lynn Montgomery.

TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our membersare also screened.
☎ (404) 603 9426
MM & PI Monthly newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs, among others.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).
Professionally managed national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service.
Helpline:(404) 939-0244.
Chrysalis Quarterly, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials.

FLORIDA (320-340)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.
A chapter of the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess). Meetings on the weekend of the second Friday of the month at an established Atlanta location. Outstanding programs for significant others and outreach.

TV/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE:** GING, Gail Driaper,
Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donations to defray expenses. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Potential members interviewed as to their needs.
☎ (904) 332-8178

TS - **FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.:** P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32614
Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. "We deal in solutions, not problems." Screening through psychologist to attend group meetings.
☎ (904) 462-4826
INSIGHT

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS:** , P O B 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261.
Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required.

TV/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood,
Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview required.
☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - **SERENITY:** P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022;
Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale.
☎ (305) 436-9477
Newsletter.

TV/TS/SO - **ANIMAS**:P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.
Social support group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Outside consultants in fashion and image are available.
A periodic newsletter

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY**:
P O Box 22742,
Fort Lauderdale FL 33335-2742
Social and support group meets for one business meeting and one social meeting a month. Interview required.
(305) 791-2476(Bob)
Newsletter.

TV/TS - **VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP**: Chrissie P. Humphreys, 944 Rialto,
Venice FL 34285
Meetings the second Friday each month. Must be ladylike and no drinking. Referrals.

TV/TS - **STARBURST**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664
Nature: Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required.
Services: Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time.
Security: Interview by member of Board required.
Butterflies
(813) 527-1012.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.:
COPE, P O Box 607,
DeFuniak Springs FL 32433.
Clyde E. Trautloff,MA,CAP,CAS
Program Manager.
Private, not-for-profit Mental Health Center. Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street,
North Miami Beach FL 33162;
Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist,
Adele Kates, Director.
Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.
(305) 651-6442.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:
2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607
Aventura FL 33180
Coral L. Schlosberg, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T.
Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for transsexuals and transvestites. Individual and group therapy.
(305) 936-8000

TAMPA STRESS CENTER:
4023 N. Armenia Ave., Ste 220,Tampa FL 33607
Carl W. Bushong, Ph.D.
A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition. All services by appointment.
(813) 872-8631

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:**
P.O.Box 7241,Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.
Social support group serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee. Monthly meetings at Atlanta location.
Monthly newsletter

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Ms. Michelle Steadman.
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. There is a mandatory orientation program.
The Continuum

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute,
P O Box 3361,
Montgomery, AL 35109;
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
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(205) 272 -2726

TENNESSEE (370-384)

▲ - **TENNESSEE VALS**: P O B 92335, Nashville TN 37209-2335.
Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private home in the Nashville area. Write to be interviewed.
(615) 664-6883 (voice mail).

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:**
P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.
Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire.

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:**
P O Box 250481,Atlanta GA 30325.
Social support group serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee. Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location
Monthly newsletter

TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402
Nature: Memphis group meets on fourth Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Nashville group meets the second Saturday of the month at the Nashville Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Doors open at 6:00pm, and there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI:**
P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253Lee Frances, Secretary
Social support group See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.
(601) 982-7678 (24 hrs).
Premiere

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY**: LGS,
P O Box 5458,
Louisville KY 40255-0458
Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month Invitations to meetings after screening.
(812) 944-5570, Barbara
(502) 458-8028, Patti
(502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:**
P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287
An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support.We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.
(614) 777-0648
The Crystal Chronicle

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Box 2053,
Sheffield Lake OH 44054.
Bi-monthly meetings. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer.
Alpha Omega Outreach

CD -**PARADISE CLUB**: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.
Paradise is social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Paradise has approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting. Sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, makeup advice, a show, or other event of interest. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.
Paradise Tales

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT**:
Box 54657,
Cincinnati OH 45254-0657
A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule.
(513) 474-9557, Shelbi.
monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street,
Columbus OH 43201
Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.
614-299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TS - INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY: IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220

Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. IXE has a BBS.

☎ (317)475-0617 ask for Ann.

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MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS :
P O Box 1245,
Royal Oak MI 48068-1245.

Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Sponsors both formal and casual social activities. We provide referrals to other organizations nation-wide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture. Welcomes all mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

☎ messages: (313) 537-3267.

Crossroads Chatter

TV/TS - NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:
N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202; Justina Williams, President.

At support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.

☎ (313) 842-5258

NGDO Key to Freedom

▲ - THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area): c/o Tri-Ess, POB 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary).

Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

CD - NATIONAL ASSOC. OF CROSSDRESSERS:
Address invalid at this time. Grace Bacon, Director.

An organization dedicated to education and outreach.

An Overview of Crossdressing, Transvestism, and Transsexualism

CD/TS/SO - I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:
P O Box 1153,
Grand Rapids MI 49501.

Social, support, and educational group. Social outlet of the Cross Dresser. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.

Members hip confidential.

CD/TS/SO - NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY:
c/o Tricia Marie Benton,
P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770

Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting.

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER:
Sandra L. Samons,ACSW,CAC
1480 Shevchenko,
Ann Arbor MI 48103

Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned.

☎ (313) 663-7871.

LEE PADULA, PhD
37677 Professional Center Dr.,
Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154

Psychologist, marital and family therapist. Certified sex therapist. Over ten years of experience working with the gender community. Evaluations for hormones/SRS.

☎ (313) 953-3333.

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - IOWA ARTISTRY:
Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.

Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs.

Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:
1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802

Social support group for all genderists. Meet first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

TV/TS/SO - RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:
RCGA,P O Box 680,
Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group . Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter , referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library.

The Transformer

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE:
P O Box 12164,
Des Moines IA 50312
Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW

Counselling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals.

☎ (515) 277-7754

WISCONSIN (530-548)

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:
Pathways Counseling Center,
2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230,
First Financial Building
Milwaukee WI 53226-1304

A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and re-assignment reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Contact Gretchen Fincke, MSSW, or Roger Northway, MS.

☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:
Great Lakes Gender Clinic
4964 North Cumberland Blvd,
Whitefish Bay WI 53217
Charles A.Kiley, ACSW QCSW

Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior including fetishistic transvestism. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.

☎ (414) 332 5407

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.

An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listings for members. Interview required.

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CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:
CLCC, P O Box 16265,
Minneapolis MN 55416

Monthly meetings. The group's purpose is to provide a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered. Interview before coming to the first party. "Screening required for new members."

☎ (612) 229-3613

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP OF MINNESOTA: P O Box 13659, St. Paul MN 55113 phone (612) 653-7936.

Nature: TS support.

Services: Referrals and support in conflict with public or private agencies.

Security: Interview required.

NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA: P O Box 3046, Burnsville MN 55337 phone (612) 220-1920.

Nature: TS support.

Services: Meetings, referrals, newsletter.

DISTRICT 202:
2524 Nicollet Ave. So.
Minneapolis MN 55408.

Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: c/o Program in Human Sexuality,
1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180
Minneapolis, MN 55454

A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Eli Coleman,Ph.D., LCP, Director, Walter O. Bockting, Drs., LP, Coordinator. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals; psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care.

☎ (612) 625 1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Program in Human Sexuality,
Dept. of Family Practice
and Community Health,
U. of Minnesota, Medical School,
1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180,
Minneapolis MN 55454.

In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.

☎ (612) 625-1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

NORTH DAKOTA (570-577)
SOUTH DAKOTA (580-599)
MONTANA (590-599)
ILLINOIS (600-629)

▲- CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS:
POB 40,Wood Dale IL 60191-0040.
Chicago Chapter of the Society for the Second Self. Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line,library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

☎ (708) 364-9514

Newsletter

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY:**
The Sunday Society, P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder.
Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.

☎ (312) 486-3125,
(312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY:** CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657
Social and educational support group. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, .

☎ (312) 434-5445

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TV/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION :** CIGA, P O Box 182, Washington IL 61571
Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required.

☎ (309) 444-9918; contact: JoAnn .

Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD:
2120 Sheridan Road,
Highland Park IL 60035
Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psyciatric consultations.
☎ (708) 432-7007

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION:** St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117.
MAGGIE affiliate, A social support group for all. Meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOS group meets for professionals and significant others.

☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 567-8615.
Please leave contact information.

Gateway Femmes Gazette,

▲ - KAPPA GAMMA MU, TRI-ESS: Kappa Gamma Mu, P O Box 98, Belton MO 64012-0098.
See "Society for the Second Self," Tulare, California.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:
Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6
Education, advocacy, and support , legal support.

Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS -**MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE** (MAGGIE): c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117
Nature: Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry, Wichita Transgender Alliance, and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO -**CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS:** CAF, Box 93, Overland Park KS 66214.
MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting /ocial night the third Saturday of each month.Partner support, Big Sister program.

Newsletter

☎ (913) 791-3947.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Address invalid at this time.
Social/support group for people who are in transition, or have changed gender. Provides peer group support for people in and post transition, and their significant others. Dedicated to providing services to F-M's and M-F's equally. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Meet Friday evenings. Contact Anne Ogborn.

TV/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:**
P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.
MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit .

Newsletter

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:**
RCGA,P O Box 680,
Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group . Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter , referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. "Screening required ."

The Transformer

▲ - RHO CHI RHO CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Chapter discontinued.
Contact: River City Gender Alliance,
P O Box 680,
Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

LOUISIANA (700-714)

▲ - GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE: Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300.
Nature: Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate.
Services: Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans.

The Flip Side

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS: ,
P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.
See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

TV/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** C.D.I.,
c/o Ms Gwen Pete, address invalid at this time;
Social organization and support group . No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

TV/TS - **DESIRE:** c/o Ms.Gwen Pete
P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

FTM - **RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK:** ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001.
FtM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Bi-monthly meetings,, national FtM network. Referrals from other support organizations or physicians. Inquire on BBS.

☎ (214)641-4842,AaronDavis.

Newsletter

▲ - DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER:
P O Box 1021,
Arlington TX 76004-1021.
Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. **Help Me, Accept Me** discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm.
☎(817) 429-1929
The Texas Rose

TV/TS - TRI-PLEX GENDER ASSOCIATION:
Address invalid at this time.
Transgender support group. Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month in Waco or Dallas. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's *Gender EUPHORIA*. TPGA members will receive magazine.

TV/TS - HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE/NW:
HTGA-NW, c/o Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413; (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT).
Transgender support group. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in San Angelo, Texas. Personal interview.
Petticoat Junction

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY:
ICTLEP, 5707 Firenza Street,
Houston TX 77035-5515
Annual conference in Houston, Texas each August. Useful to legal professionals, and of interest to laypersons. Continuing legal education credit hours available. Published Proceedings available. Write for more information.

TS - TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS: Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Blg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058
Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, Saturday, 2-5pm, July 11, 1992 and November 14, 1992. $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming.
☎ (713) 333-2278

GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY: GCTC,
P.O. Box 66643, Houston TX 77266
Formerly the Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, a social organization for the transgender community. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Monthly newsletter, . Sponsors annual "Fantasy Adventure Weekend." Screening required for new members.
☎ (713) 780-GCTC,
(713) 780-4282 voice
Gulf Coast Transgender Community

TS/SO - TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS: TATS,
P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401.
Taylor Montgomery.
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending .
Newsletter

▲ - TAU CIII CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Box 1105,
Alief TX 77411-1105.
Social support group . Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. **Wives and Partners Auxiliary** meets the second Friday of the month. **Boys R Us** meets monthly (meet male self)**Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA)** meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members.
☎ (713) 988-8064 voice.
Femme Forum

CD - HEART OF TEXAS: HT, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.
A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their spouses/partners, and families. Meetings on the first Saturday of each month. Spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS). Social activities and outreach program. Interview required before attending meeting. Mailings discreet.
☎ (210) 980-7788,
before 9:00pm CT, please.
Cross Currents

CD/SO -WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT: WATS, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.
A support group for women involved with transgendred men. Monthly meeting first Saturday of the month, 3:00pm. Names are confidential.
☎ (210) 438-7604,
before 9:00pm, CT, please.
Partners

TS - SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212.
. Affiliated professionals available for help and support. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Interview required.
Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY: P O Box 700042,San Antonio TX 78270-0042.
Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.
☎ (210) 980-7788 (live Wed., 7:00pm-9:30pm CT)
Gender Euphoria

SOUTH-CENTRAL TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE REGION (STAR) CONNECTION: c/o Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042,San Antonio TX 78270-0042.
STAR Connection is a coalition of support groups in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Coordination of regional support group activities. Speakers bureau, quarterly member support group information published, membership exchange program for participating groups, etc. Group representatives meet 3-4 times a year to work on regional issues. Group membership is voluntary and self-selecting. Open to all transgender support groups in the region.
Member Groups: Texas - Alpha Chi Chapter, Boulton & Park Society, Delta Omega Chapter, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Heart of Texas Chapter, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance (NW), Tau Chi Chapter, Tri-Plex Gender Association, Women Associated with Crossdressers Support; Louisiana - Tri Delta Chi Chapter; Oklahoma - Sigma Beta; New Mexico - Fiesta Chapter (tentative member).

TV/TS/SO - AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE: P O Box 14965,
Austin TX 78761. .
All enjoy full membership with equal voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.* - Camus. Monthly meeting in the Austin area. Personal interview.
☎ (512) 515-5460
Wednesdays 7-9pm

▲ - ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS: P O Box 50266,
Amarillo TX 79159.
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.
☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

FIRST SATURDAY: Meets in El Paso TX, see listing under NM.

ALICE WEBB,MSW,CSW-ACP
Atrium Crest Building,
18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste 560,
Houston TX 77058
Therapist formerly of the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch, recently in private practice in Galveston, Texas, now affiliated with Larry Nahmias, MD, and Blanca Diez, MD.
☎ (713) 333-2278,
Fax (713) 333-2293.

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program:
1103 Rosenberg,
Galveston TX 77550.
Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-70's professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. A trademark of the Galveston program has been excellence in both clinical service and research activities. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention.
☎ (409) 763-0016.

GEORGE R. BROWN,MD:
11163 Mesquite Flat,
Helotes TX 78023
Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses HBIGDA standards of Care.
☎ (210) 675-5022 days,
(210) 695-2034 evenings.

OAKLAWN PHYSICIANS GROUP: 3514 Cedar Springs, Dallas TX 75219
Nature: Comprehensive medical practice, HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psychotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing, transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners.
Services: Complete treatment plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBIGDA.
☎ (214) 520-1810

COLORADO (800-816)

▲ - DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver): P.O. Box 16208,
Denver CO 80216
A support/social group with monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual CDs only. Screening interview before attending .
Femme Mirror

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.:** GIC, 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211.

Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. . G.I.C. also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message.

☎ (303) 458-5378.

TV/TS - **SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC:** Contact through GIC.

An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call for directions to the meeting.

☎ (303) 458 5378.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC:** Contact - Gender Identity Center,

An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

☎ (303) 458 5378

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004;

Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum.

☎ (303) 420-9885.

WYOMING (820-831)

TV/TS - **WYOMING N.COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER:** Contact via the Gender Identity Center, Colorado

Call for information and directions .

☎ (303) 458-5378

IDAHO (832-838)

UTAH (840-847)

▲ - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS:** Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.

See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE: Dept. of Psych., University of Utah, College of Medicine,50 North Medical Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84132 Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD.

Details not available at this time.

☎ 801-581-7951

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - **A ROSE:** P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623.

Social activities, meetings, educational programs.

A Rose News

▲ - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS:** P O Box 24459, Tempe AZ 85285-4459.

A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.

The Cactus Flower

TV/TS - **SORORITY:** P O Box 50151, Tucson AZ 85703-1151.

Education and support about makeup and clothes. Inquire.

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE: 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies

Offers referrals to local professionals specializing in gender dysphoria: cosmetic surgeons, groups, events, and educational opportunities for the gender community. A listening ear and a current list of professionals. All calls confidential.

☎ (602) 293-3456.

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Grant, ACSW, Ph.D., 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283,

Nature: Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues.

Services: Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends.

☎ (602) 897-0444

SHEILA D. FRIEDMAN, PHD: 3930 East Camelback R, Suite 205, Phoenix AZ 85018 phone (602) 956-300

Nature: Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.

Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. . Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members.

Fiesta!

TV/TS - **FIRST SATURDAY FOR TV/TS:** Address invalid at this time.

Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at the Whatever Club in El Paso, Texas. Person must meet with a member and establish their credentials. Call to set up an appointment.

NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO -**JENNIFER & FRIENDS:** P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.

Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP: Coordinator/facilitator Marty B.

Nature: Open support group for gender community, SOs, professionals.

Services: Meetings second and fourth Saturdays each month, 6:00pm, Community Counseling Center, 1006 E. Sahara, Las Vegas NV. Quarterly socials.

Security: Screening required.

☎ (702) 594-7884

CARING COUNSELING: Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502

Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One or two hour sessions.

☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028

Amanda Silvestri, Director.

Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electro-logists, medical and psychological help, speakers, & newsletter.

☎ (213) 389-6938

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS:** P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, ask for Virginia. Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Founder Emeritus.

Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. Members are expected to join national Tri-Ess.

☎ (213) 876-6141

Alpha Bits

TV - **ANDROGYNY:** Rachel Irving, P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90048;

Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm until 10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.

☎ (213) 467-8317 Shirley/ Sheila, (213) 856-4867 Rachel. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm PT.

TV/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803.

Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806.

Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City.

TV Epic

TV /SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB:** CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009.

CHIC is for heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners. Meetings, parties, monthly dinners,

and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month. Meetings are closed except to members and approved guests.

☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.

↪ *CHIC Clippings*

CD/TS - **CD SOCIAL GROUP**: PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.
A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

TV/TS/SO - **FEMININE IMAGE SUPPORT**: c/o Gail Ann Windsor, POB 5011, Hemet, CA 92544-0011
Social club offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your sexual preference or practices. SOss and novices are most welcome. Meetingsheld at 7:30pm on the first Saturday of each month in a private meeting at ALICIA'S FASHIONS. Interview needed.

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER**: P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112.
A self-help group, purpose is to help its members live a normal and productive life. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, list of helping professionals.

☎ (619) 685-3696

TS - **PHOENIX RISING**: c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.
A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: , P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713;
Nature: Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group. Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write.

☎ (714) 262-9105.

▲ - **OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA)**: P O Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92802.
Social support group. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA**: PPOC, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686.
Open social and support group. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern California Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required.

☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message.

↪ *PPOC Girl Talk*

▲ - **TRI-CHI**: P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.
Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF**: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, , and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct.

☎ (209)688-9246

↪ *Femme Mirror*

TV/TS - **GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES**: GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P O Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93456.
GCA is an educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contribu-tions are welcome.

▲ - **SIGMA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: See Alpha Chapter Tri-Ess, serving the Los Angeles area.

BORN FREE: P O Box 1897, Corona CA 91720
Nature: Open support group for gender challenged and their loved ones.
ServicesMonthly meetings, Membership $40/year for newsletter and special meeting rates.
Security: Screening required.

↪ Born Free Newsletter

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:
32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675
Wm. G. Heard, Ph.D., Director.
A comprehensive program for gender dysphoric persons. Our program is one of many options available. It is a composite of evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years by the more successful programs, which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Our program is structured to permit the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

☎ (714) 240-7020

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow, PhD
10350 Santa Monica Blvd. Ste 310
Los Angeles CA 90025
Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing.

LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER: LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd. Ste 100
Santa Monica CA 90405.
Marie Keller, MFCC
LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/,lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.:
Roxanne Cherry, M.A.,
937 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite F
Claremont CA 91711;
Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

☎ (213) 202-1820, (714) 624-6539

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE:
P O Box 2916,
Palm Springs CA 92263
Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.
A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO**:
504 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588
Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call, have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy.

FTM - **FPSG**: #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990.
Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL**: ETVC, PO B 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. It is intended as a social/educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC has an open membership policy with over 400 members. ETVC and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.

☎ (510) 549-2665
if no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112

↪ *ETVC Newsletter*

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION**:
SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602,
Christine Beatty.
Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS,
c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486,
San Francisco CA 94142-6486.
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of crossdressers and transsexuals. Meetings .

↪ Newsletter

DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG,
P O Box 272885,
Concord CA 94527-2885.
Informal, social support group Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek.

DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons.

☎ (510) 849-4112

↪ *Devil Woman*

FTM/SO - **FEMALE-TO-MALE**: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618.

Support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Inquire.

TV - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS**: c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541.

For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. The group is very security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION**: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.

Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept and make peace with themselves. Visitors are welcome.

↪ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION**: SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456

SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups .

☎ (800) 585-7742

↪ Newsletter

TV/TS - **SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP**: Address invalid at this time.

JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual. Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER**: Address invalid at this time.

Social support group provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients only. Call hotline for an appointment.

☎ (916) 529-2201

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA, TRI-ESS**: P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.

See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93454 Ms Tauria Linala,

Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program. Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

☎ (805) 922-1309...voice, (805) 549-0961...data.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, P O Box 4447, San Francisco CA 94101; Joni E. Israel, Director.

A private personal growth consultation program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, crossdressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term consultation, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional consultation & training.

☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102

We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' / 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610

Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale.

☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION HBIGDA, 1515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306

Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Establishes the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

☎ (415) 326-4645

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: Address invalid at this time.

A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races. Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D. D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901

Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.

☎ (415) 456-4452

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 494-2952.

Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions confidential.

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: HTGO, 1142 Auahi Street, Suite 3114, Honolulu HI 96814-3128

Social and support group . Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information.

☎ (808) 923-4270

↪ Newsletter

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224

Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

☎ (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE**: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208

A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible.

☎ (503) 774-8463

↪ Newsletter

ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER: Address invalid at this time.

All functions are held at the Living Communion Church, 3830 SE62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.

☎ (503) 230-1036

TV/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER**: P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

TS - **SALMACIS**: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist;

Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

☎ (503) 688-4282

(Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).

Femmes Together and *The Equalitarian Feminist.*

TS - SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network: SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS /SO - TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS: TLF, Seattle Washington 98103

Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.

☎ (206) 292-1037

CD - EMERALD CITY: P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103

The Emerald City is a social, educational,organization serving the crossdressing community. Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of crossdressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored

☎ (206) 284-1071

Newsletter

▲ - OMEGA ALPHA, TRI-ESS: P O Box 876, Stanwood WA 98292.

Support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER:1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122

Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

☎ (206) 329-6651

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE for SEXUAL MINORITIES: 200 West Mercer, Ste 300, Seattle WA 98119 Sylvie McGee, Director.

Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities dealing with a wide range of issues. Provides individual and group support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.

☎ (206) 282-9314 Admin., (206) 282-9307 Support, information, referral.

ALASKA (995-999)

CD/TS - THE BERDACHE SOCIETY: c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381.. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.

A social, organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community. Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

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TS - ETRE FEMME;QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.: Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2

French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

☎ (418) 529-1152.

TS/SO - FACT - QUEBEC: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.

Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the media and others.

TS/SO - TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISONSucc 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6. : Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distrib-ution Director/Canadian Regional Director,

Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS who is pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. Quarterly newsletter. All incoming mail is screened to insure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered.

TV/TS/SO - CLUB MET (Formerly TAM): Club MET, 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8

Social support group .Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter.

☎ (514) 528-8874

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TS - FACT - OTTAWA: FACT, Box 9155, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1G 3T9.

Support group primarily for transsexuals. Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a time for a callback.

☎ (613) 238-1717

TS - TRANSEQUAL:

TransEqual is a network of cooperating activist members who assist one another in Canadian-based rights advocacy projects promoting the equality issues of transgenderists and transsexuals. Information kits, Canadian-based rights information, support for other rights active groups. Membership is limited to publicly known "rights on" transsexuals and transgenderists. Mailing lists are confidential.

☎ (416) 688-0276.

TS - TRANSITION SUPPORT: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

Annual membership fee. . Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details.

Trans News

TV/TS - CHRYSALLIS: , Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA N2H 5A5.

Support group. Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, 7:00-10:00pm.

TV/TS - STREET OUTREACH SERVICES: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8

Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one .

☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

▲ -TAU NU CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Gender Mosaic): P O Box 7421, Vanier (Ottawa) Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Social support group for transgendered persons and their companions. Social meetings the first Saturday of the month, workshop meetings on 3rd Wednesday, weekly support meetings. Regular meetings are alcohol free. Canadian Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide. Attendance by member referral .

Newsletter

TV/TS/SO -CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process.

☎ (416) 921-6112(24 hours)

CanadianCrossdresserMagazine

PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB: P O Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 5C7 CANADA

Open,support, social and educational club with accent on fun. Club is just forming, so please correspond to learn of when and where meetings will be. Inquiries welcome. Modest screening process, filling in application form.

TV/TS/SO - MONARCII SOCIAL CLUB: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization. Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service . Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide*. Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the first weekend in October. Membership interview.

☎ (416) 949-6602

Newsletter

Annual yearbook

▲ - PHI SIGMA TRI-ESS: Box 803, 6808 Ogden Road S. E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2H 1B4.

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Meets informally six times a year. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA. Inquire.

TV/TS/SO - ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB: Box 2000, 6808 Ogden Rd. S.E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

Social support group meeting twice a month.

Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB: Box 33002 Glenwood PO, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8.

Social support group meeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter.

Illusions

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are those visiting from other cities. Meetings held 7:00pm-11:00pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place.

By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - DREAM GIRLS: P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C-5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information.

Private interview required.

TS - ZENITH FOUNDATION: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational and informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/SO - CORNBURY SOCIETY: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1.

Support group for heterosexual crossdressers and wives. Inquire.

GENDERSERVE: Address invalid at this time.

Counseling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television/mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling/ therapy by request.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5T 1R8.

Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking.

☎ 416-979-2221, ext. 2339

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z 1M9. Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery.

☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS: Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2, Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. Mexico.

Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.

☎ and FAX 673-53-12

ENGLAND

TV - BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX England. Information 081-756-1782.

Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdresserss throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member.

The Beaumont Bulletin

TS/SO - WOBS-TIIE B S PARTNERS GROUP: BM, WOBS London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help. Inquire.

TV/TS -SEAHORSE SOCIETY: BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured.

☎ Newsletter

TV/TS - BEAUMONT TRUST: BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

TV/TS - THE GENDER TRUST: BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured.

☎ 071 730 7453 from

7-10pm Thursday(transsexuals)

7-10pm Tuesday(transvestites)

FTM/SO - FTM NETWORK: FTM, BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND

Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, advice, referrals, occasional social events for F-Ms and their loved ones.

Boy's Own

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual. handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members.

☎ 0323 641100

dyscourse

TV/TS - NEW TRANSESSEX: P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT

Social club. Meetings 2nd Friday of every month at the Kavorah Manor. There is a quarterly magazine, , and a help line. Inquire. Very secure.

☎ 0268-583761, Wed./ Sun.eves 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

Reflections

TV/TS - LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary

See 'Beaumont Society.'

Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm.

☎ 051 709 4745

Friday evenings only

TV/TS - INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB.

An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free

world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome. Security applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester): Jenny Baker, , P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND.

Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available.

Cross Talk

TV/SO - ROSE'S: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND; 0742-342870.

A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.' Regular social evenings and parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Full confidentiality assured.

Repartee

SCOTLAND

TV/TS/SO - GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP: 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND. 03398 83695.

Open to members of other groups. Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester,.

The Tartan Skirt

☎ 03398 83695

TV/TS - THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP: address invalid at this time.

Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh, at 1.00 for 2.00pm. Meetings in Glasgow every second and fourth Monday from 7.00pm. Very conscious of the need for individual security. Wives and partners welcome.

☎ 031 556 4049 (7.30-10.00pm).

TV/TS/SO - CROSSLYNX TV/TS GROUP: Crosslynx, c/o SLGS, P O Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.

Provide help and support to all . No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. We are conscious of the need for security.

CD/SO - TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND): Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND. Tel 031-555 6416.

Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please enclose a SAE.

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: P.O. Box 210, Belfast BT1 1BG N. IRELAND.

Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Association Beaumont Continentale, c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.

See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

DOCTEUR DE FRANCE: Doteurs de France, Chateau de la Frogerie, 45240 Ligay le Ribault, FRANCE. Phone: 38454100.

Sexologue.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, Switzerland.

Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - DE STICHTING REBORN: Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS.

Social support group . Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries.

☎ 010-4503469

Newsletter

STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM: c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen

Nature: Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING: Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, Nitherlands

Nature: self-help group for (ex)partners , parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

STICHTING EDE: Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum, Netherlands

Nature: Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally.

Newsletter.

STICHTING OMD: P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB), Netherlands

Nature: Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

VERENIGING L K G T & T: P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, Netherlands

Nature: Open gender dysphoria group.

Services: Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, Netherlands.

Transformatie

TRANSSEXUAL CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN: VIRGIN, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, Netherlands

Nature: TS support group. Friends and relatives welcome.

WERKGROEP FACET: c/o Rode Kruislaan 61, 5628 GB Eindhoven, Netherlands

Nature: Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM
Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren, internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology, Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057, 1007 MB Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam.
Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up.
☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS: Ms. P.Klene, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam,netherlands

Nature: Helps TS.Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

GERMANY

TV/TS - TRANSIDENTITAS: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY

Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire.

☎ 069 8001008

TV - TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE: c/o MANNEGE, FRIEDRICHSTRASSE 165 (HAUS DER DEMOKRATIE) 10117 BERLIN GERMANY

Support group for men who like to crossdress. Counseling, monthly open meetings every first Monday at 7:30 pm at the above address, rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society.

Formerly known as MANNER IN FRAUENKLEIDEN.

☎ 030 208 21 57

TS - VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.: VIVA Muenchen, c/o Simone-Yvonne Budzyn, P O Box 710232, W-8000 Muenchen 71, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and aXmas meeting. Write for more information.

☎ 089-7916643 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

▲ - FPE-FRANKFURT: c/o Infrmationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Neuhofst. 41/ HH, 60318 Franfurt am Main, GERMANY

Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending.

TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.: Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach, GERMANY

Services: Frankfurt, meetings every second Wednesday, 8:00pm, Nachbarschaftszentrum Westend Uhlandstrasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main.

Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof la.

Offenbach meetings third Monday and first Saturday each month at DPWV,

Frankfurter Str. 48/2nd floor, 63065 Offenbach.

Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm.

Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

NORWAY

TV - **FPE-NE**: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 0slo 1, NORWAY.

An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

SWEDEN

TV/SO - **FPE-NE**: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN.

See F.P.E. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

TV/SO - **FPE-SWEDEN**: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

FINLAND

TV/TS - **SETA**: P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND

National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals, where around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki.

☎ 358-0-1358302

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, Denmark.

See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY.

A group representing TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish.

☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - **SEXUAL LIBERTIES**: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.

This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. This includes a representative from the above community.

PAKISTAN

TV - **KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN**: Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan.

Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

☎ code 05921 6158leave message, or 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY OF LATVIA: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, 2015 LV, LATVIA.

Networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastern bloc. Filtering news, exchanging data, contacts, referrals, etc. Information exchange, reduced rate services and equipment supply, in respect of soft - currency of the country. Free-will donations of clothing/shoes/wigs/breast forms welcome. Agencies at discount if it can be arranged. All and any academic material contemporary about TV/TS to educate their authorities, media and the proletariate.

Phoenix Rising

RUSSIA

TV/TS - **ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW**: Margaret Mankevich, 678190 Aihal, Yakutia, Gagarina Str No 28, Flat No 3, RUSSIA. Telephone 11.19.

Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention.

Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOP.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel.

JAPAN

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB**: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN. Telephone 03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

Queen

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB**: 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.

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Queen

TS - **ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP**: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN

See Elizabeth Club listings above.

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**: The Secretary, Box 168, Westgate, New South Wales 2048, AUSTRALIA.

The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TV/SO - **SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**: Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, PO Box 386, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Australia.

Details of activities not yet available.

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.

The largest continuously active club in Australia. A social/support organization forCDs and their families.

We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

Seahorse Victoria

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: No longer active.

TV/TS/SO - **CARROUSEL CLUB**: c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.

Social support group. Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well.

Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

TV/TS - **THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT**: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia

A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

☎ 369-2613

Nu-Scene

CD - CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Loretta Strange, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100.

Nature: Open support for gender people and their partners.

Services: Meetings first and third Thursdays each month, 8:30-11:0

NEW ZEALAND

TV - HEDESTHIA: Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

TV/TS/SO - NEW ZEALAND GENDER DYSPHORIA FOUNDATION: NZGDF, P O Box 2827, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Irregularly scheduled meetings. Bimonthly newsletter, . Lending collection of books, videos, lingerie.Membership only to CD, TV, TS, SO.

La Femme

TV/TS - THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND. (Miss Leone Neil.)

A low-profile, high powered lobby group promoting the rights of transpeople. A confidential, culturally divergent community support group helping meet the social and emotional needs of transpeople. Personal counselling, employment opportunities, professional and medical referrals, periodical publications, and a non-threatening social environment .

TS - TRANSSEXUAL OUTREACH PROJECT/ TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION WELFARE AND HEALTH ORGANISATION: TOPs/ TEWAHO, P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington NEW ZEALAND

TS advocacy and peer support group, HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, counselling. Free STD checks. Referrals. Require you send an introductory letter.

On TOPs

SOUTH AFRICA

TV/TS - THE PHOENIX SOCIETY: Box 21163, De Tijger, 7502, Republic of South Africa. Marlene Knoetze, President.

The Phoenix Society is a social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.

Fanfare

TV/TS/SO - SATRU:c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

WEST AFRICA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA

Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organizaton.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: cd request @ valis. biocad. com or uunet! sgi!biocad! valis! cd-request

Nature: Electronic mailing list digest.

Services: Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees.

Security: Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

Nature: Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone interested in transgenderism and related issues.

Services: News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Services: Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

ALTERNATIVES: New York, NY. Disconnected, not in service.

Services: Support and entertainment for the TV/TS/TG community. Extensive libraries and special interest groups. Health SIG supervised by a licensed, practicing physician. Growing AIDS library, and a private SIG for PWAs (People with AIDS). Also open to gays and lesbians. BBS located in a PC-Pursuit gateway for major reductions in long distance charges.

GENDERLINE:

Nature: BBS (Compuserve Information Service).

Services: Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission of system operator of the Human Sexuality (HSX) forums. For Compuserve subscription information, call 800-848-8990. Within Compuserve, access the HSX Support Groups\Adult Forum by typing GO HSX200 at any prompt. In HSX Help Files (Library 16) read the file CLOSED.TEXT -- Closed Section Agreement for instructions on joining GenderLine and the other restricted-access sections. Discreet support community for transgendered people of all kinds. Message board, conference area, data library, archived discussions, and fiction.

NEW WOMEN'S SUB-BOARD: (301) 317-1868. 24 hours.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers only. Answer the "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to gain access to the public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.

Services: Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

GDANC: SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4.

Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Nature: Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc.

Services: Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: Grand Rapids, MI: Not in service at this time.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. The Gender Forum is a closed forum accessible exclusively by members of the gender community, and professionals that work with us.

Services: The Gender Forum also has a **'Companion Support Forum'** exclusively for significant others, spouses, and partners.

CAROLYN'S CLOSET: Minneapolis, MN; (612) 891-1225; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

US TOO: Chicago, IL: Not in service at this time.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual support Bulletin Board Service affiliated with the Sunday Society.

Services: Very user friendly BBS with four sub-boards (M-F TS, F-M TS, TV, general).

Security: Call first.

THE DIVA CONNECTION: Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (708) 416-8894.

Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture

PUSS N BOOTS: Grand Prairie TX Board phone (214) 641-1822 node 1 (1200-16.8 baud), (214) 641-1978 nodes 2 & 3 (1200-2400 baud only).

Nature: BBS for gender community. 24 hours/day, seven days/week. Acces is free to gender community.

Security: Mention *Tapestry* in your logon questionnaire. If you live full time in your gender of choice, leave me a message.

THE OTHER SIDE: Boulton & Park Society, San Antonio, TX. (512) 545-4888; M-F approx. 5pm - 6am CT, most times on weekends; suggest N/8/1; 300/1200/2400 baud.

Nature: Electronic mail and information exchange with Boulton & Park Society. Some text files available for public download.

Log-On: For access to The Other Side, leave private E-Mail to SysOp with request. Security level mormally upgraded within 24 hours. User names are kept confidential.

CROSS LINK: Denver, CO: Not in service at this time.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service

Services: When you log on you will see, "You have reached M&D's Travelling Circuits BBS Where YOU Are the Main Attraction!" Name? Last Name? Follow instructions, answer questions. Enter the name "CROSS-LINK".

FEMINET: (408) 335-4387 300/1200/2400 baud, 8 bit, no parity, one stop bit. Software: QuickGGS 2.03 (highly modified).

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community. Specialty: general resource for all TVs, TSs, and all other persons interested in transgendered lifestyles. Largest BBS devoted to gender issues.

Services: Access: Answer all new-login questions and you will be logged onto Digicomputronica, a public "front" for Feminet. Enter "P" (for password). Password is "KEY" (without quotes). 24 hours. Financed by contributions.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 766-TVTS (766-8887).

Nature: Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. 300/1200/2400/9600 v.42bis N/8/1, 4 lines.

Services: News and information, games, chat, e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. More! Two week demo with discreet sign up.

TerraNet BBS: Accessible via PC Pursuit-CASAN node in Santa Ana, (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex. Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWA's (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, TRANSGENDER and POLIGEND echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Users receive 30 days full access as new users. Then it is $30/year. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues. TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Info Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

MYTH'S REALITY: Anchorage AK (907) 333-3425 or (907) 338-2869. 300/1200/2400/9600, 8-N-1.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board and information service for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community.

Services: Teleconferencing, forums, "Sig info," games, and much more. Easy to follow menus.

Security: Sysop access approval in writing. Coded pass-word access upon approval.

TRANSGEN: transgen-request@brownvm.brown.edu

Nature: Electronic mailing list in mail or digest form.

Services: In support of transgendered issues, emphasis on transsexuality. No fee. Like cd-forum. Internet access is required. Archives available.

Security: Anyone may join the list, but must be screened by the moderator before joining. Posts to the list are not confidential. There is no requirement to post.

TRANSITIONS BBS: Las Vegas, Nevada, (702) 366-9663 300/1200/2400 Baud. 8N1.

Nature: Board dedicated to helping people during transition. All messages can and may be read by operators. For private area access, leave private E-mail to Sys-Op Ryane with request stating sexual/gender identity. Aliases allowed. Real names/addresses kept confidential.

COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106.

The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: *Tapestry*, Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703.

Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E. The *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males. Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - *Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking. Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

ROSEBUDS: TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (508) 358-2305 (Tues,7-10pm, EST).

Rosebuds is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue. Mailing list is confidential.

TV-TS CONFIDENTIAL: c/o Ms. Abby M. Greene, P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235

Nature: This newsletter is for those who crossdress for reasons known only to them. **ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS:** Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.

Permanent hair removal for males and females.

TRANSFORMATIONS, Reflections On Gender Roles And Religious/Spiritual Values: Address not valid at this time.

A non-profit quarterly newsletter which addresses the relationship between issues relating to gender struggles and religious/spiritual values.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm). Muriel Olive, Director.

Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

MARY LYNNE WHITE: New York City Metropolitan area 212-987-8520.

Help with makeup, comportment, shopping, voice, refining the feminine look.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; 215-640-9449.

A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community. Publish *Art and Illusion: a Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September. Mailing list strictly confidential.

LA FEMINIQUE: 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.

A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. Mailing list strictly confidential.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

A newsletter written by and about transsexuals

CORSET DIGEST: CD, Dept. 174, 4514 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta GA 30338.

Monthly newsletter for wearers, collectors, and connoisseurs of elegant foundation garments.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. (813) 973-0987.

A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions. Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community.

THE SWEETHEART CONNECTION: c/o Linda Peacock, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241

Nature: Formerly *The WACS Newsletter*, is the official Tri-Ess quarterly newsletter for wives and partners of heterosexual crossdressers. ***TV/TS CONNECTION:*** The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207.

Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.

TV/TS publishing house. Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues.

HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME: Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex Cd Corporation.

PETTICOAT JUNCTION MAGAZINE: P.J. Publications, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413, Marlina Dawn Murphy, Editor/Publisher.

Monthly non-sexual magazine. Also publishes the official *Texas T Party Photo Annual*. News, events, photographs, issues, and articles of concern to the gender community, their significant others and their supporters.

Mailing list strictly confidential.

PARTNERS: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163

Newsletter expressly for couples in the transgender community.

DRAGAZINE: , P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.

Published two or three times a year. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 776-8503. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.

Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Also publishes annual Southern California resource guide. Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. 24-hour-a-day local information hotline (818) 776-8504.

News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, Roger Peo's "Notebook," significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, Sandy Thomas fiction excerpts, JoAnn Roberts' *Hotstuff*, reviews, reader profiles, and feature articles. Magazine mailed in plain brown envelope without identifying markings.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

FOCUS: Address invalid at this time.

A newsletter written by and for the female to male TS. Provides a place for fellow FTMs to share their feelings and experiences, and make new friends.

GENDERFLEX: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available. Does not accept advertising. Accept interactive submission,s letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER: 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2E4.

Bi-monthly non-sexual magazine for and about CD, TS, FI, DQ. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information.

BOY'S OWN: FTM Newsletter, 376 Upper Brook street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND.

Periodical publication. Write for more information.

TRANSCARE: The Minorities Trust, P O Box 2983, Wellington New Zealand.

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND: P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.

Periodical about a variety of crossdressing issues.

TARTAN SKIRT:ADF Editorial Services, Tullochvenus House, Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire AB31 4RN,SCOTLAND

Scottish quarterly magazine for the gender community. Contains fectual self-help and first person articles on the how, when and why of crossdressing and transsexualism.

TRANSFORMATIE, P O Box 13500, 2501 EM, The Hague, Netherlands

Nature: Information and discussion magazine on transvestism and transsexualism.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: 4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.

Publisher of ***Queen*** Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.

Nature: SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University.Deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

Nature: Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons.

Services: Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY: c/o IGTA, 1 Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO4P OAJ, United Kingdom.

Nature: Collection of artifacts related to the transgendered throughout history and the world. Seeking freewill donations of statuary, books, magazines, paintings, photos, badges, buttons, banners, etc. We seek modern and industrial items from the subculture: girl masks, prosthese of all sorts, false eyelashes, cache sexes, etc. Also seeking Oriental, Latin American, Pacific Island and Northwest African anthropological and archaelogical items, statues of dieties and from male-actress theater.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: Dr. Richard Ekins, Trans-Gender Archive, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland. (0)265 44141, Fax: 40903, Telex: 747597.

Nature: A non-profit academic research and study facility.

Services: Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

Security: One hundred percent, closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778

Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background. Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

The Boulton and Park Society
P.O. Box 700042
San Antonio, Texas 78270
Help-Line: (512) 545-3668

- *A non-profit Texas corporation dedicated to transgender education, information, assistance, and peer support*
- *Monthly newsletter,* ***Gender EUPHORIA***
- *Sponsor of the annual* ***Texas 'T' Party*** *convention for transgendered persons and their spouses/partners*
- *Spouse/partner of transgendered support through WATS group*

PERSONAL LISTINGS

PERSONAL LISTINGS OBJECTIVES:

1) To provide a means of introduction, outreach, and communication for subscribers to the *TV/TS Tapestry* Journal and Supporters of I.F.G.E.
2) To provide readers with a source of support and communications.
3) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the Crossdressing/Transsexual Community.

WHO MAY PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

To place a personal listing you must be an up-to-date General Subscriber (or an IFGE Supporting Member). As a subscriber, your personal listing is free of charge for the duration of your subscription. Also, your mail will be forwarded at no cost to you.

HOW TO PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

Fill out the form on the back of the subscription form. Please note that there is a limit of fifty words for the text. Your ad may be edited for length and for taste. Please be discreet. Also, note that we will only publish addresses that are Post Office box numbers as part of the ad. No home addresses will be published in the Personal Listings. The last number after your name is the last issue of *TV/TS Tapestry* Journal you will receive on your subscription.

HOW TO RESPOND TO A PERSONAL:

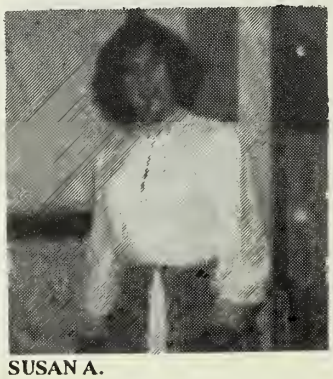
1) To avoid compromising security, home addresses will no longer be printed with the Personal Listings.
2) Please follow these intructions when answering an ad:
   (A) Place your letter in an unstamped envelope.
   (B) Pencil in the name, state prefix, and membership number appearing after the name. (Be sure to use pencil so the name can be erased.)
   (C) Include $1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.
   (D) Place the letters to be forwarded in another envelope & mail to:
   TV/TS Tapestry Journal , *P.O. BOX 367, WAYLAND, MA 01778*

PUERTO RICO (000 - 009)

MASSACHUSETTS (010 - 027)

EVE B. (E MA-M0508-K0107-67)
Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."

AUDREY M.
(E MA-M0280-K1855-69)
MWMbi-TV, 55, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."



SUSAN A.
(MA-P-M0064-K0206-67)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-68)
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

VALERIE VINCENT
(E MA-P-M0273-K0122-66)
Member TCNE. Centerfold in the *Transvestian*. 5' 10", 150, long hair, blue eyes, wear nails 1• inches long. Pre-op TS on hormones and electrolysis. Interested in writing to TVs, TSs and women; fashion, makeup, photo sessions. Love being a woman. "Wish to correspond with TV/TSs, and women who find TSs interesting. Will write to all."

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
IFGE Board of Directors, IFGE Staff. Member TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, IFGE Convention, Shangri-La, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing. SWM TV, mid-60's. Lives alone except for a lot of VHF ham gear and about 200 size 20 outfits. Fairly active, goes to many concerts dressed, has been to over 15 outings. Looks like a proper Boston lady, and is having a hell of a good time. "Try to answer all , but no guarantee."

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON
(E MA-M0661-K7401-67)
Member TCNE. MWM, 42, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood, TS inclinations. Interested in music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running. "I enjoy long walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun."

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-67)
Member TCNE. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship , like interests."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-68)
SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-67)
SBi WM TV, 37, 5'10", 170, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine. Would like to correspond with other TVs, TSs and understanding women to improve my attire, femininity, etc. Honest relationships considered."

MICHELLE LANGE
(E MA-M1008-K0071-68)
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view. Would correspond with others who enjoy the same. Collect and write stories on experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. No S&M or B&D."

EDITH S. (MA-M1519-K0054-66)
MWM, TS, 48, three children, investment counselor. Interests include squash, tennis, acting, travel, outdoor work, classical music. "I would like to talk with, meet TSs/TVs of similar background and situation to discuss how to cope with spouse, children, job, and M-F transition."

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(E MA-N-M1648-K0121-69)
Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 51, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out and developing the ability to pass in public and blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friends who are sincere and have same interests."

DIANE D.
(E MA-M1776-K1939-67)
5'9", 175, married with children. Interested in MacIntosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion. "Would love to hear from other married TVs who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"

MARGARITA AMANDA R.
(E MA-P-M1815-K1964-67)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88,'89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND
(SE MA-NP-M1923-K2160-68)
"Tall, well built, attractive. Love dressing up and going out dancing, etc. Enjoy jogging, skiing, tennis, golf, fishing, photography, video, writing fantasies. Married with children. 5'11", 170 (14), killer legs. Prefer seductive fashions, cocktail dresses, flippy skirts, etc. I like jewelry. Like to make contacts in upstate NY, MA for get-togethers, day trips."

JENNIFER W.
(MA-NP-M1941-K0027-67)
WM BiTV, 40, 5'11", 170. "Love to dress and go out. Would enjoy meeting and writing TV/TSs and understanding women. Love to hear from you. Photo appreciated."

JOY SPENCER
(MA-M2530-K3700-67)
Married with supportive wife. Just 40. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember, have only recently begun to move through the fear and guilt. Like to correspond with individuals or couples traveling the road to acceptance. Have adopted the name Joy because that is what I hope to find with acceptance."

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-67)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

KAY LEE (MA-M2787-K4481-67)
MWM, 6', 190, mid 40's, wife knows, understands, but not in her presence. "Two years in therapy and now a group has enabled me to accept myself for what I am. But, I have yet to have a full dressing experience. Need encouragement. Need direction. Need friends."

JOAN RYDER
(E MA-M2841-K4747-69)
Member TCNE. 37, 5'11", 150. Dates intelligent, caring, old-fashioned gentlemen who enjoy dining, theatre, and the finer things in life.

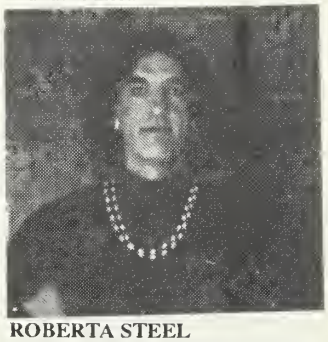
ROBIN W.
(SE MA-M2845-K3132-66)
Member of Eulenspiegel Society. Large, mystical, fun-loving, with intact sense of humor, lusty, submissive. Interested in native culture, spiritual quests, art, dressmaking. "Would like to form a community to live harmoniously with Mother Earth with a focus on increased spiritual interaction and meditation for improving diversity of human vision."

DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-66)
DWM, CD, 40, 5'8", 140. Interested in nature, gardening, tennis, acceptance of life path. "Need courage and support to get out of closet. Wish to meet accepting women, TV/TSs in area for friendship, development of inner and outer woman. Want to learn to deal with these desires, and to integrate the two different people I am. Looking for compatible TV/TS to share living space on North Shore."

MICHELLE C. .
(MA-M3139-K5889-66)
DWM, 5'9", 165, brown eyes, long black hair. Interested in shopping, makeup, projecting better image. "Drifted away for a few years, would now like to pick up where I left off. Like to become an active member of our society again, meet and correspond with others with feminine interests. Please write."

KEVIN M. (MA-M3277-K6457-67)
29, attractive, SWM. Interested in bicycling, hiking, camping out, sports, and history. "Former gender dysphoric empathetic to transsexual issues. Seeking TS for permanent relationship."

SHARON LOVELY
(MA-P-M3122-K5659-66)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. 5'6", medium build, blue eyes, black hair, 29, WM, bi TV. Interested in dressing, fishing, and shopping. "Would like to have a sisterly relationship with a TV my age. Will correspond with TVs too far away to meet."



ROBERTA STEEL
(MA-P-M3247-K6429-67)
Member CT Outreach Society, TCNE. Founder, Sunshine Club. 6'5", 20, 49, firmly married TV. Interested in steam engines, model railroading, dress making, "On way out of closet and enjoy expressing my femininity rather than suppressing it. Like to hear from TV/TSs, especially those who would like to get together as a group in West Mass."

JULIE P.
(MA-P-M3491-K7205-67)
Member of Sunshine Club. MWM, 31, 5'7", TV. Interested in photography, music, shopping. "Love being feminine. Wish to get out with others for dining and fun. Also enjoy correspondence and photo exchange with other TV/TSs. Please write. Will answer all."

JULIE O. (MA-M3632-K7085-68)
40, 6'2", 150, BiDWM, natural feminine features. Interested in photography, music, girl things, to overcome anxieties, total femininity/serenity. "Having a loving BiGG friend has freed my real feminine self. The transition is next. I love life and wish to share support of just becoming another woman in the world."

ROBIN R.
(MA-P-M3971-K7687-66)
Member of Tiffany Club of New England. 45, 6', 180, brown hair and eyes. Interested in boating, traveling, shopping, music. Love dressing completely. Love nylons, heels, lingerie. SWM, bicloset TV. Enjoys dressing and meeting other TVs and CDs in Metro-West area. "Will answer all."

SUZANNE HAMILTON
(MA-P-M4006-K8683-66)
45, WBiM, 160, 5'8", TV, 160. "My love is to spend every free moment modeling and shopping for evening gowns and wedding gowns. I'm looking for a friend to share these moments of happiness. Each day I come to enjoy the new person I am, and would love to help you find that person in you. My fantasy is to be the model for a full photo layout of the blushing bride."

JERRY F.
(MA-M4257-K8166-67)
Attended Nightlife. MWM TV. Interested in art, music, dancing, Buddhist philosophy, psychology, nursing. Into fun, friendship & good conversation. "Looking for friendship & support from the TV/TS community within the Boston and Haverhill area. Especially seeking those with supportive spouses."

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-67)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Awaiting Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

ROBERTA STANLEY
(MA-P-M4064-K8798-66)
TCNE, 5'8", 160, size 14, brown eyed brunette, 50, married, teenaged boys. Interested in skiing, sailing, reading, correspondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up, dining out, shopping, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute. Simply wanting to appear as an attractive lady enjoying her femininity. Let's share experiences and grow together."

WENDY BROOKS
(MA-N-M4173-K9095-67)
MWM CD, 6', 175, 45. "I am just coming out and loving it. I have wonderful female friends who have helped me with clothing, makeup, and style. Would love to meet other CD/TVs for help. Interested in CD videos, music, photography, sports, shopping, fashion, and sharing crossdressing for fun and support."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

CAROL L. SUNDERLAND
(RI-P-M1413-K0250-68)
Blonde, 5'9", 157. Interested in backgammon, reading. "For the last nine years I have lived and worked as a woman. My goal is to inform others about methods I have used to achieve silent passage."

ANDREA K.
(RI-P-M1771-K1934-67)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER
(RI-P-M2207-K2655-66)
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Starting a support group in RI."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

A. M. GREENE
(NH-NP-M0731-K0277-69)
Silly post-op female transsexual. Interests are computers, reading, music and all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS confidential* newsletter.

ANNE MARIE B.
(NH-P-M0844-K0302-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Age 81, M, retired physician. Interested in music (flute), wildlife, woodworking, computers. "Crossdresser for more than sixty-five years, out in public many times, years ago. Now an old lady and contented home-body. Wife accepts, but takes no joy in my seeking of a feminine image."

KERRI R.
(NH-N-M1095-K0294-68)
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany

P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Reps, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends, and making new contacts."

JODI B. (NH-M1457-K0272-66)
WM TV, 30's, 6', 200. Interested in athletics, linguistics, beekeeping, running, ephemera, gadgetry, and history. "Adventurous, curious, open-minded individual new to area seeks contacts with people in our community who have humor, compassion, and discretion."

RACHEL E.
(NH-M3760-K8206-68)
MWM, 5'4", 10 petite, late 40's, feel 30. Love Porsches, skiing, diving, beach days, step aerobics, and fashionable clothes. "Just recently discovered IFGE, Tri-Ess and am at the nervous but excited stage over the possible outside ventures. Really need other CDs to talk to RIGHT NOW. Letters, photos absolutely responded to in kind.

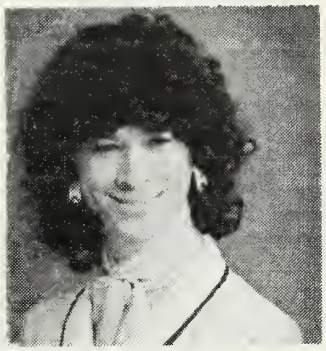
JOANNA C. ROBERTS
(NH-P-M4062-K8794-67)
Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 34, in good shape and can pass reasonably well. Interested in horseback riding, cooking, and computers. "Have been dressing since age five, but only recently found *Tapestry* and that there are others like me! Would like to meet others to talk about exploring feminine side."

JENNIFER THOMAS
(NH-M4350-K9594-66)
MWM, 40s, 6', 160, slender CD. "Like to read mysteries, SF, fantasy. Enjoy tennis, hiking and other sports. Lifelong CD firmly in closet. Love lingerie, pretty high heels and short skirts. Makeup still a challenge. Travel frequently and would love to make friends with others with similar interests."

KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT
(NH-M4423-K9669-69)
WM 5/10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in gardening, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Will correspond with TV/TSs, men and women who find our community interesting."

MAINE (038- 047-)

LYNDA ANNE V.
(ME-M3007-K5262-69)
Member TransSupport. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, romantic novels, flowers, boating, shooting, and swimming. "TranSupport and publicly speak on gender dysphoria. Have crossdressed since early age, often out in last thirteen years. Seeking girlfriends in mid-coast area or lower ME with whom to correspond, dress and/or travel."



JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-NP-M3729-K0164-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Transsupport. MWM, 39, 5'8", 127, 12, hetero CD since age 3. Wife tolerant, but non-supportive. Out since October 1992. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined. Interested in outreach and education about TG, transcendental meditation, theatre, creative writing, fine arts, architecture/interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, corresponding.

MARGARET E. C.
(ME-P-M3764-K8224-68)
Member Transsupport. MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Would like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

CATHERINE B.
(ME-M3945-K8512-69)
STV/TS, 40s, 5'10", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Lifetime TV. Love to go out dressed, but hard to do here. Enjoy camping, hiking, woodworking, and carpentry. Would like to find employment as caretaker, maintenance and housekeeper. Looking forward to developing TS body, mind and spirit. Seek friendship, relationship with TS, GG."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H.
(VT-NP-M2021-K2488-69)
Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the northeast who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

VICTORIA ANN S.
(VT-M4174-K0360-67)
Member of Echo Club, Sunshine Club. 6', 195, brown eyes and hair, still thin enough to look trim and pretty. "Love to go shopping, see movies, be with like sisters, and do other things girls do."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA GOLDSNIDER
(CT-N-M0212-K0374-68)
SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to crossdress, meet others, especially couples for girl talk and friendship. Been dressing since I can remember. Please, no long correspondence. I live alone in a small house in the country."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-67)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the CD community, and welcome correspondence."

DARLENE S. ROSS
(CT-M0838-K0390-66)
MWM, hetero CD, 5'8", 170, mature, retired. "Lifelong CD, nonsupportive wife, passive and shy, not passable (yet). Enjoy all things feminine from hair to heels. Interested in reading, travel, sports. Would likt to correspond with others with similar interests."

DAWN H. (CT-M0858-K0377-68)
MTF pre-op TS in transition. Attended Fantasia Fair '84-'91, Coming Together '90. 5'10", 150. Very sincere and caring person. Interested in sewing, '50s & '60s music and cars, water skiing, boating, quiet times with someone special. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-M1490-K0368-66)
Married, hetero, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, late 40's.
"Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, helpful crossdressers."

CAROLE STEPHENS
(CT-P-M1799-K1954-67)
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, especially lower Fairfield, Ct. area."

RAMONA G.
(S CT-P-M1948-K2274-68)
Member of TCNE. Attended Fantasia Fair '88-'91, Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Awards Banquets '89-'91, Miss

Provincetown, 1991. 64, 5'11", 180, MWM, hetero TV. Supportive wife and daughter. "Just love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out for days at a time, shopping en femme. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of crossdressing and being Ramona."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-67)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

RONI THOMPSON
(CT-M2477-K3501-66)
Masculine, muscular, professional male. "Would love to wine, dine, and dance with any passable TV/TS who would like a sympathetic, empathetic escort to highlight their femininity."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-67)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Have been dressing fully since early 20's, but just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others; making life a total experience."

JACKIE ELLIS
(CT-P-M3301-K6560-66)
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Would like to correspond, swap photos, and meet other TVs."

HEATHER M.
(CT-M3218-K6212-66)
Member COS, MGA. Attended Fantasia Fair '92. 38, TG. Interested in being female—goal full-time—shopping, education to become female. "Interested in meeting or corresponding with all TG/TS/CDs."

JOHANNA B.
(CT-M3759-K5153-68)
TV, 50, 6'6", brown hair, green eyes. Interested in classical music, computers, movies, *Star Trek*. "Love all things feminine, still in closet. Looking for a supportive SO. Would like to meet and correspond with tall CD/TVs (6'5" or over). Love my femininity, and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

CANDY L.
(CT-N-M4163-K8949-67)
5'10", 170, young-looking 35-year-old, passable and playful single. Interested in volleyball, golf, computers, dining out, movies, dancing. "Desire to meet an understanding woman for possible relationship."

MARIANNE GIBSON
(NW CT-NP-M4331-K5757-68)
SWM TV, 5'10", 165, blue eyes, long lashes, never out. "Very shy, but happily feminine. Love classical music, painting, quiet times, non-linear thinking, and catalog shopping. A photo and a nice letter from other TV/TSs, especially in my region, would be very special. I would hope to respond."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

SUZIE M.
(N NJ-M0686-K0419-67)
MWM, late 40's, Bi-TV, 6'1", loves lingerie, nylons, and high heels. "Have been dressing all my life. Would like to meet other bi sisters to share fantasies."

ELENA LEWIS
(NJ-N-M1200-K0417-68)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. STV, trim and petite. Intelligent, sensitive, demure, affectionate. Active in NY area gender community. "Enjoy meeting mature minded men. Prefer local contacts only. No smokers, please. Enjoy dining, music, many cultural activities. Can advise other sisters."

JULIE C. (NJ-M1460-K0452-69)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

SHARON DAVIDSON
(N NJ-P-M2342-K3051-66)
Married pre-op TS. 47. Interested in drum and bugle corps, cruising with family. "Like to meet and write to other TSs, particularly in NW Sussex County NJ. Wife and ten-year-old son very accepting. Hope to start 1993 living full time as Sharon."

TERRY M. (NJ-M2400-K3206-66)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. Attended Poconos weekends, Autumn Accords. 5'8", 39 forever, brown hair and eyes. Interested in early music (Medieval Renaissance era), bluegrass, philosophy. Am active in 12-step recovery group. "Happy to be out of the closet and involved in our community."

JOANNE MICHELLE W.
(NJ-P-M2944-K5064-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Bi SWM, pre-TS, 36, 6'3", 195, brown eyes/hair, never married. Interested in everything female, malls, romance novels, writing, quiet nights with a good friend. "Open minded, sincere, pass well, want to hear from other TS/TVs and GGs to help me be the woman I am. Need a kind reassuring friend to help me get out of the house more. Very shy."

JODIE H. (NJ-P-M3136-K5720-66)
SWM, hetero, late thirties, 5'10", 155, 10-12. Interested in love jazz, old movies, cars, stereos, dining out. "Been crossdressing my whole life. Still in the closet, but wish to pass. Love to meet other TV/TSs for friendship and get-togethers in NJ-NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly."

BABS C. (NJ-M3219-K6211-66)
Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM, late 40's. Supportive and understanding loving wife. Interested in twentieth century art, music, standardbred horses, tennis, decorating, and shopping. "As my alter ego I find contentment and excitement, and escape from stress, whether as my own woman, or as my wife's submissive."

DONNA R. (NJ-M3270-K4353-68)
MWM, 40s. Interested in developing more of feminine self, lingerie and corresponding with other members of the gender community. "Would like to develop friendships with other CDs in NY-NJ."

PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-P-M3297-K6553-67)
130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. Interested in dancing, shopping a must, dressing in club style and elegant fashions. TV working on TS ambitions. "Hopefully, spring '93 will be the start of my journey to happiness. Correspondence welcomed. God bless us all!"

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-66)
MWM, TV, 44, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TV couples for friendship and socializing. Can travel or entertain. Let's dress together. Photo appreciated. Single TVs also welcome to write."

JANE T. (S. NJ-M3487-K7209-66)
6', 200, 49. Bored, never leave closet. Interests include corsets, rubber, mild B & D, flat shoes, not into heels or makeup. "Will write to all. Stuck in closet with no light. Married to cooperative wife."

JIOVANNA TOWERS
(NJ-PN-M3678-K7998-66)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network, AEGIS. Attended Moonlight in Manhattan. Single, pre-op TS. 5'7", 130. "Enjoy fashion, hairstyling, makeup, astrology, cooking, music and dancing, Madonna, decorating, Club Edelweiss. Host get-togethers in my home. Enjoy corresponding with gender community: M2F, F2M, couples and singles. Live exclusively female and on hormones since 7/24/92."

DORIS C. (NJ-M3643-K7840-68)
5'7", thin, cute, well-educated, good writer. "Since dressing in younger sister's clothing as a child, the attraction to dressing in teen and pre-teen clothing has only gotten stronger. Would love to write all with similar interests. Were you forced to dress as a child? Will answer promptly and trade experiences."

CHARLET S.
(NJ-M3653-K7879-68)
Member Crossdressers International. Hetero, S, 51, 215, 5'10", hazel eyes. Interested in fashions, TV/TS publications, lingerie, and heels. Been to Paradise in the Poconos, Coming Together '93. "Haven't been out dressed. Seek TV/TS friendship and get-togethers in the NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly. Please, no sex letters and no men."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-N-M3777-K8249-69)
Attended Poconos Week End, Be All. 160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Only hobby is being as feminine as I can be. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, but also free to travel. Just drop me a line."

LINDA MARIE C.
(NJ-NP-M3864-K4739-68)
24-year-old single girl. "I love to express my inner self through my womanhood. Recently discovered *Tapestry* and have started to correspond with other sisters. Will write to all. Please include a photo that I can treasure. Love you all!!"

STACY R.
(NJ-N-M3870-K3467-69)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. Attended March on Washington, Paradise in the Poconos (spring '93). Type 4 TS (Benjamin Scale), independent thinker, compassionate, bright, easygoing and sober. Interested in transgenderism, environmentalism, growth healing, reading, hiking, music, Tai Chi. "Will respond to all. Especially need to hear from other nonsurgical transsexuals."

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-68)
MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-P-M3949-K8505-69)
MWM, bi, 5'11", 34, educated, shy, full-figured. "New girl on the block and would very much like to learn and experience more about this wonderful lifestyle. Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to sexy lingerie and teddies. Want to correspond with others and make new friends. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with same."

DIANNE WHITE
(NJ-M4025-K5217-66)
SWM, 58, 5'11", TV borderline TS. Slim figure, nice legs. "I love dressing stylishly and provocatively. Tired of the closet. Seek supportive female's guidance and determination who says, 'Dianne, you will indeed go out in spike heels and a mini.' That's my dream. In the meantime, would like to share yours or simply chat. All letters answered, all subjects."

SUSAN D. (NJ-M4033-K6843-66)
5'8", 165, brown hair, blue eyes, 33, MWM. "Wife totally unaware of desire to live life as a woman. Interested in corresponding and meeting other M-F TSs who have been down this road for support and advice on how to go on with my transition."

BETH C.
(NJ-NP-M4049-K8781-66)
Member of Renaissance. Treasurer of S NJ Renaissance. CD, 5'10", 140, 24, real blonde. Interested in dressing, writing, new friends, guitar, beach, pets, rock 'n' roll, a friend of Bill W. "Been dressing for five years. Have supportive girlfriend. Active in TG community. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TG/TSs for sharing interests, tips on building self esteem, and passing."

BAMBI P.
(NJ-P-M4098-K5668-67)
F-M seeking men only! Wants very masculine bi or gay genetic male. "I'm 5'3", over 45, classic writer-type. Easy going and educated."

CHRIS C.
(NJ-NP-M4266-K9042-67)
SWM CD, 27, 5'6", 128. Professional. "Interested in meeting a single genetic female for companionship and possible

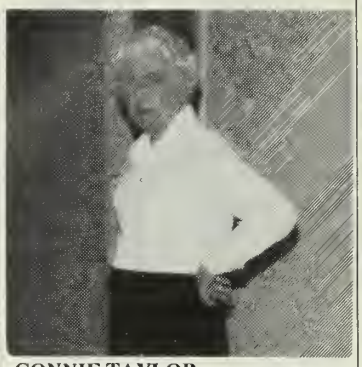
relationship. Am very athletic and sports-minded. Other interests include rock music, reading, going out to dinner and the movies."

GILBERT A.
(NJ-NP-M4370-K8128-68)
SWM, 30s, seeks transsexual female for one-to-one relationship. Send Photo. "I'm from New Jersey, a comedy promoter. Can you relocate or travel?"

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-66)
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CAROL TAYLOR
(NY-P-M0428-K0617-68)
Member TCNE. MWM, forty-something, very feminine, discreet, shaved, smooth, intelligent, articulate, gorgeous, fabulous figure (natural 34C), good correspondent, modest, fun. P'town twice a year. Wife supportive. "Enjoy letter and photo exchange, any feminine topic. Special interest in bras, breasts and feminine figure development."



CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

RENEE' SLOCUM
(W NY-M0651-K0649-68)
Member CD-Network. SWM, 5'11", 160, hetero, 34, college educated. Interested in photography, ballet, R and R oldies, antiques. "Like to hear from CDs in Geneva and Finger Lakes area. CD for over 20 years. Not passable, but enjoy private feminine get-togethers. Like to hear from women interested in CDs."

ANGELA S.
(W NY-P-M0719-K0615-67)
Member EON, TVA. Participant Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together. Awards EON Pioneer Award. 5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

JODIE PAULINO
(W NY-M0973-K0653-67)
Member Rochester CD-Network, Tri-Ess. 44, happily married 20 years, 2 children. Interested in home video, photography, cinema, gardening, swimming. "Membership coordinator of Rochester CD Network where I enjoy meeting and helping new members. Told wife in '86. She accepts need, but doesn't participate. Dressing is an enjoyable change, a yin to complement my yang."

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-68)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-67)
Member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (published in *Femme Mirror & Femanine*, editor *Lifelines*), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys song-writing. Home recordist, avid photographer. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

SHELA S.
(NY-P-M1344-K0599-67)
Attended Provincetown Outing '88, '92. Divorced bi-TV with TS tendencies, 5'10", 160, mid 50s, work out regularly. "Love classical music. Enjoy learning to pass and becoming fast friends with other CDs, TSs, and men. Want to learn every nuance of performing as a woman so I can live as one for extended periods. Love to date."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-66)
Member TGIC. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88, '89, '90. Hetero TV, 52, 5'9". Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-67)
DWM, 41, 180, dirty blonde. Interested in women's fashion, dressing and makeup, health and fitness. "Dressing since early childhood. Enjoy conservative clothes, heels, etc. Strong TS feelings."

JUDY H. (NY-M1920-K2200-68)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-66)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-68)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love

music, humor, Broadway, poetry, writing & corresponding, talking and being a woman."

DEE DEE ANN SUMMERS
(SE NY-P-M2246-K2738-66)
Member of LIFE, Director GNYGA, Co-Chair Moonlite in Manhattan. 5'10", blue eyes. Interested in meeting people, reading, fashion, dancing, theater, and music. "I have had some wonderful experiences and have met many beautiful and special friends the last few years as Dee Dee. I've just begun."

MARGARET B.
(NY-NP-M2361-K3078-66)
"Active multi-faceted person, would like to be able to dress up and go out more often. Would especially like to have friendships with genetic women."

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-67)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Am basically a caring sensitive person."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-67)
Member of Tri-Ess.

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-66)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

JANET LANG
(NY-P-M2539-K3709-67)
SWM, 43, 5'9", 160, non-smoker, TV. Possibly bi. Soft-spoken feminine, discreet, attractive dresser. Interested in current events, electronics, reading, sewing, malls, TV-TS publications, lingerie, and heels. "Seek women or passable TS's for friendship, dating, shopping, traveling as girls, and girl talk. Will date as a man, or could date a man. Prefer Queens, Long Island area."

SHARON ANN STUART
(NY-P-M2848-K4761-66)
Member of Tri-Ess, TGIC. Attended Dreams, Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, was Miss Dream Community, 1977. MWM, 6', 165, 61, 14, blue eyes, brunette or redhead. "CD since age four. Virginia Prince let me out of the closet in 1968. Go out often. I write TV fiction and poetry. Wife tolerates, but rarely participates."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-P-M2851-K4777-68)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with a very supportive wife. Have dressed all of my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange letters and photos with those who enjoy all things feminine. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

JILL DIAMOND
(LI-NY-P-M2852-K4771-69)
SWM, 48, 5'7", 140, very passable. "Engaged to a supportive friend. I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire or evenings out on the town developing my femininity. I've been out of the main stream for a few years, just now getting back into the flow. The best of both worlds. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and their mates. Travel extensively."

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-68)
MWM, midforties, 5'6", supportive wife. Love cooking, crafts, shopping, corresponding with others, family, exchanging ideas. "Love the total look. Am beginning to venture out and meet others and enjoying every minute. Let's write. Your letter will get a quick response. No sex letters. Photos encouraged."

BRENDA V.
(LI-NY-P-M3089-K5695-70)
Member: LIFE. SW, 43, 5'9", size 16, dedicated TV. "Suppressed for too many years, etc. Thrilled to be Brenda. Love to go out, learning to pass. Love classic career-type appearance. Feel the need to experience and learn from all you wonderful people. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, girl talk."

SHELLY TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3173-K6035-67)
Member TGIC. 55-year-old hetero male living in the capital district. "I'm very comfortable with my feminine self, but only have a chance to be Shelly once or twice a month. Travel to Conn. and would love to hear from and meet interested singles / couples. Photo appreciated."

ANNE HARPER
(NY-P-M3195-K6097-66)
43, divorced CD, 5'11", 170. Active member EON. Self-employed designer. Interested in writing, building my designs, and enjoying crossdressing. "Live alone now and enjoy the freedom after twenty years of repressions. Many friends know of my CG activities and are accepting. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests."

ANGELA MARTIN
(NY-P-M3252-K6426-66)
Member CD Network. SWM, forty-something. Lifelong CD. "Wrote and published, *Remember Hercules*, positive thoughts for CDs. Creative Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working personal growth program."

BEV M. (NY-P-M3253-K6394-67)
5'8", 170, brown eyes. "Enjoy most sports, camping. Bi novice. Like to meet people around MA, NY, VT border. Like high heels, hosiery. Love to exchange photos."

SHARON HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-67)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

JANICE G.
(NY-P-M3316-K6587-67)
Member CCDC, Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisiters, Nu Phi Chi. Fantasia Fair '91, IFGE '92, Be All '92. S CD, 40, 5'6", 150, involved with a few support groups, enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Not passable, but haven't let that stop me. Other interests: *Star Trek*, Sci-Fi/fantasy, astronomy, hiking, American history, and music."

JEAN TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3375-K6723-67)
Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada. Can travel to meet & love to correspond and swap pictures."

STELLA ARNOLD
(NY-NP-M3434-K6031-67)
SWM, TV, 39. Member of LIFE. Interested in bowling, dancing, music, and model railroading. "Looking to meet new friends all over. TV/TS/GGs welcome. Will answer all."

RACHEL H.
(NY-M3435-K6763-67)
32, 5'8", 130, hazel eyes, black hair. Interested in art music, history, etc. Attending college for travel and tourism. "Not interested in labels or labeling, just enjoy being feminine whenever I can. Not able to travel now, but enjoy communicating by letter, life and dreams."

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-67)
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of Long Island."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

VICKI M.
(NY-P-M3674-K7974-68)
30's, 5'10", 16, 170. Interested in Victorian antiques, photography, fashion, making videos. "Love elegant surroundings and clothes, bridal gowns, formal wear from the 40's and 50's, satin, velvet, as well as 'career wear.' Have lots of clothes I'd like share with others, but need help with makeup, wig. Would love a maid to help me."

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-69)
Married, 5'11", size 11 on good days. Upstate. "Love having fun! Lucky to have super supportive wife to enjoy all with. Do NYC, P'town, Phila., New Hope, Poconos. Like to meet fun couples who do these areas. Keep smiling. See you there!"

JAYNIE JILL G.
(NY-NP-M3776-K3786-69)
Member LIFE. 5'11", 12/14T. "I enjoy writing girl talk to my sisters about life, adventures, clothes and being more feminine. My travels take me around the US and overseas. I'd like to share with you as others have shared with me. Hobbies include writing a column in *Lifelines*, music and being more feminine."

DONNA SINGLE
(NY-P-M3791-K3141-68)
MWM, 40's, 5'9", TV. Interested in tennis, camping, hiking, computers, shopping. "Love lingerie, corsets, passable TV, bi-TV. Would love to meet other TVs for talk, support. Will answer all who write."

LOREN C.
(NY-P-M3826-K0236-68)
MWM, new at crossdressing. "Love dressing as a woman, high heels, tight corsets, long nails, leather things, feeling sexy. Want to explore bi feelings. Wife supportive. Interested in some fetich and bondage. Would like to meet passable

TV to help me learn more. Answer all who send photo."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-69)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."

CAROL M.
(NY-P-M3982-K1297-66)
TV, 43, 5'11". Interested in skiing, sailing, outdoor sports, travel, Broadway plays. "Looking to expand my TV identity. Will travel and correspond to others with same interest. Please send letter with photo."

PETER L.
(NY-P-M4077-K8801-67)
SWM, 39, 5'1", 120, brown hair/eyes. Interested in computers, movies, some sports. "Looking for a TS for a long lasting relationship. Race doesn't matter. Will be loving to the right one. Please send photo. Will answer TVs as well."

RACHEL W.
(NY-M4097-K8907-67)
5'7", 34, CD. Interested in sports, walks, cooking, sunsets, and dressing. "Would like to correspond and meet TV/TS or understanding women. Will answer all who write. Photo appreciated."

SHIRLEY P.
(NY-M4185-K4316-67)
50ish, 5'10", 175, married, closet type. Graduate degree, extensive wardrobe (business and provocative), domesticated. Enjoy music, Britcoms, computers, exercise. "Looking for someone to share experiences. Can entertain and dress only during the day. Dream of being a secretary. Love jewelry, high heels. Working on makeup. Share photos/phone."

DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-NP-M4085-K3990-71)
Member Metamorphosis. "Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. Strong TS tendencies. Enjoy my feminine side. Love to dress up as often as possible. Also love to take in a ball game, read a good novel and be in tune with myself. Trying reach out for advice and friendship. Love to all."

ANN BELMONT
(NY-P-M4130-K8866-67)
Wealthy Westchester, NY matron. Interested in attending ballet, reading, writing novels and poetry, photography, company of women, and, most of all, fashion. "Professional executive (CEO of own company), 49 and holding. Will correspond and give business and fashion tips to real ladies, and to want-to-bes. Mother-type, warm, gentle , compassionate."

JULIE MILES
(NY-P-M4131-K8924-66)
SWM, 24, hetero, 6', 150. Interested in bowling, track, BB, and golf. "Very athletic. Would like to meet and talk with other TV/TSs. Very new to crossdressing, and need others' experience to bring out the total woman in me. All correspondence will be promptly answered."

TINA A.
(NY-P-M4215-K7354-67)
Member TGIC. Attended Provincetown Outing '93. 52, 5'3", 145, white hair, blue eyes. Divorced TV living in both genders. Performing folk and jazz musician. Motorcyclist, also rides as Tina. Other interests: people and life. Answer all sincere letters."

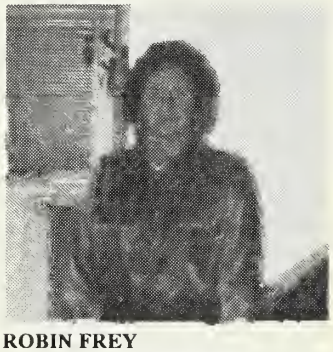
ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-68)
Shetero, 40s, 5'7", 170. "Seeking female / TS friends who are sure of themselves to assist me in becoming a new woman. I am quite unsure of self. Like to travel. Not into sex, only femininity and fun."

ELAINE DAVIS
(NY-M4304-K2947-68)
6'2", 180, SWM, 46. Interested in cooking, photography, flying, motorcycles. "Hetero CD for 15 years. Attracted to and like to hear from CD/TV/TS, genetic women. Not out of closet. Let's talk girl talk, especially lingerie, hose, heels and makeup."

NICOLE DANEÉ A.
(APO-M4402-K8900-68)
MBM hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 40, 12. Interested in audio, video, sports cars, high fashion clothing. "Married to non-supportive wife. Not able to express my feminine side due to job requirements. Like to write other CDs to gain insight into my feminine feelings. Advice on clothing, makeup and poise for the taller woman sought."

VIRGINIA PETERS
(NY-NP-M4422-K9659-68)
"Love the total femme look. 50 plus, SWM, 5'9", 14-16. Am becoming more comfortable with my new self and am starting to venture out. Would love to find a GG to enjoy and share both parts of my life with. Please enclose picture when you write. My response will be quick."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)



ROBIN FREY
(E PA-P-M0932-K0729-67)
Member Renaissance. 43-year-old pre-op on hormones. Interested in boating, hiking, and sunbathing. "Pre-op TS would like to meet Mr. Wonderful so I can be the housewife I long to be. Need help for surgery. Can relocate. Anybody interested in opening a TV/TS boutique in Philadelphia area?"

DAVIDA T.
(E PA-M0944-K0692-68)
SWM, 43, shy and discreet. "Enjoy meeting other mature friends for dinner dates and quiet evenings to share my femininity. Thank you to those who have helped me out of the closet."

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-66)
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

ALISON LAING
(E PA-M1242-K0733-66)
Renaissance, past Managing Dir. Out-

reach Institute, Chair Congress of Reps '92-'93. Attended Fantasia Fair, Ms Congeniality '87, Ms Fantasia Fair '92. Happy bigenderist, married, supportive spouse. Interested in travel, food, wine, arts and crafts, Native American culture. Educate the public about transgendered lifestyles. "Work for the good of our community. Spend much time as Alison."

REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-68)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

MARYANN KIRKLAND
(E PA-P-M1531-K0450-66)
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-67)
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

JENNIFER ANN MICHAELS
(PA-M3358-K6729-67)
Secretary, LSV Chapter, Renaissance. "Retired Navy. Married. My wife is very fond of her friends in Renaissance, but not always happy about Jenny. She is generally supportive, though. I participate in the Renaissance Pen Pal Project. Out of denial for two years."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-K1880-67)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-69)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

ROBIN F.
(W PA-NP-M2020-K2429-69)
SWM, mid-forties, 6', 180. College educated professional. "Enjoy dancing in petticoats and twirling my full skirts. Also like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Fascinated by CD fantasies and would love to explore these with other TV/TSs. There is something very sensual about lingerie, silk and nylons."

WENDY MILLER
(PA-P-M2412-K3321-66)
President Transpitt, pre-op TS, living and working full-time. Attended Be All '90 & '91. 5'10", 170, 45. "I can be reached most evenings at the Transpitt phone, (412) 231-1181, and enjoy talking with CD/TSs in Western PA area about our group."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-67)
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, and will try to reply to as many as I can."

ALLISON D.
(PA-M3321-K6602-66)
Member Transpitt. 5'10", 150, WTS (9 mos. on hormones), personable. Interested in movies, sports, dancing, tennis, racketball, softball, cards. Enjoy making good friends. "Would like to find help in becoming more passable, voice, mannerisms, clothes, walk, etc. Could use a good mentor in all the above."

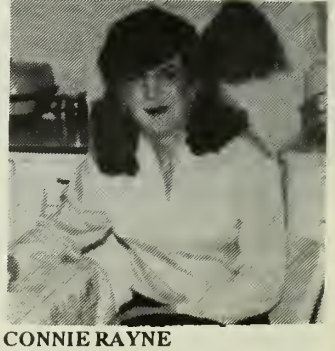
ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-P-M3383-K6784-66)
Fun loving TV. "Enjoy exploring my feminine personality. I adore silky hose and sexy heels. Love experiencing the true feelings of a woman. Would like to meet other TV/TSs, understanding women or interested males. Will answer all who respond."

ANONYMOUS F.
(PA-M3587-K7565-68)
"Tall, non-practicing TV, very much interested in all related activities wishes to correspond and meet, escort, photograph, be friend to all who wish to expand their feminine horizons. Will answer all."

SUZANNE L.
(E PA-NP-M3736-K8202-69)
SWM, 5'10", 195, 52, hetero TV. Member Renaissance. Attends meetings. Nonsmoker. Loves nice dresses and heels. "Like to go malling and to the movies. Willing to support others who want to come out of the closet, day trips, etc."

KRISTINE W. HOLT
(PA-M4013-K7597-66)
Member Erie Sisters, Transpitt. 36, DW pre-op M-F TS, 5'7", 140. Interested in letter writing, friendships, support groups, men. "I'm a legal female, in full transition—working, living and loving unquestioningly as a woman. I'm seeking confidential correspondence and/or meetings with sisters traveling the same road, to share with them the trials and joys of this wondrous journey. Friend of Bill W."

D. WENRICH
(PA-M4055-K8790-66)
SWM, 21, 5'11", 165, green eyed, dark blond hair (long). Interested in watching Sci-fi movies, shopping, travel, cooking, and salt water fish tanks. "Still in closet TS. Would like to correspond with other TSs for support and friendship."



CONNIE RAYNE
(PA-P-M4156-K9102-66)
43, MCD. "Would like to form support

group for TV/TSs living far from Pittsburgh. Out of closet 10 years. Go out in public, and occasionally to events with Transpitt. Supportive wife helps me remember that this is part of me, not all of me. Love being feminine in all ways when I am dressed to go out. Will help others. Will answer all who write."

LINDA C. (PA-M4075-K8802-67)
Bi-female (genetic), single, blonde, 29, 36-26-36. "Desire correspondence/meetings with BiFs, TVs, TSs. Love to help sincere TV/TSs to develop their femininity. Photo and phone appreciated."

KIM REDBURN
(PA-P-M4160-K8945-67)
TS, 5'8", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in wildlife painting, nature, photography, collecting antique beer cans. "My wife has known from before we were married. We go out when I am dressed en femme often. Started dressing age 4. Wish to correspond with similarly interested people in northern PA and southern tier of NY."

BRENDA L.
(PA-NP-M4383-K2500-68)
Member Transpitt. Bi-TV, 47, 5'7", 165, sandy brown hair, blue eyes. "I like going out on the weekends with my TV/TS sisters. Enjoy arts, painting, love to cook, clean and be a housewife. Seeking males for friendship and possible relationship. Will answer all with photo. I'm really looking forward to hearing from you."

PAULA J. (PA-M4433-K9658-69)
Member CDI. SWM, Bi, 5'8", 150, 42. Slim, attractive, passable. "Love all heels, nylons, short skirts. Have been dressing for years. Would like to meet with other TVs and gentlemen in the Allentown area. Will write/phone all who respond."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

EMILY SHELDON
(N DE-P-M0629-K0738-68)
Member Renaissance. Mature TV, fiftyish. "Pass easily in public. Attend several TV meetings/events each year."

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-M0931-K0742-66)
Member Tiffany Club of New England, Tri-Ess. Attended TCNE Awards Banquet, 1991. 60, 6', 180. Gracious Lady married 40 years to understanding wife. Self employed, often dresses in home & office. Electrolysis completed, sails competetively, active in Protestant church. FAA rated pilot, resides in S. DE. Letters answered.

LESLIE FAIRMONT
(N DE-P-M2425-K3335-70)
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-M2434-K3366-66)
Member Tri-Ess. Participant 'Holiday En Femme'. WWM TV, 5'10", 195, 54, blue eyes, brown hair. "Almost out of closet. Mother knows and accepts me as Audrey. 3 adult children don't yet. Love all facets of cross-dressing. Like photography, meeting other CDs, writing to CDs, making new friends. Will answer. Please write."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (200- 205-)

MICKEE A.
(DC-M3565-K7400-67)
51, 5'16", 230 and losing, 18-20T. Interested in reading, current events, cooking. "Live in Belgium, but travel to Washington, DC two or three times a year. Would love to hear from sisters in the DC area."

SHEILA K. (DC-M3810-K7721-69)
Married TV, 6'0", 48, 170. "Crossdressing all my life, although wife is unsupportive. Well-educated and well traveled. Will answer all who wish to correspond. Fantasy hope is to meet my mirror image, a bi sister interested in a discreet friendship."

JANICE N.
(DC-P-M4009-K6391-66)
5'5", 135, SWM. Interested in shopping, dining out, going to clubs dressed. "West coast transplant, former female impersonator, lifelong TV/Drag Queen. Answer all who write. Photo appreciated."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

KATE GOLDMAN
(MD-P-M1652-K0760-66)
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. Recently moved to the Santa Barbara area from the east. Interested in photography, computers, and music. "I have not been out much in public, but am adventurous, and get a bit more courageous each day. Want to correspond and meet other TVs."

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-66)
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."

NANCY ANN B.
(MD-NP-M2046-K2444-69)
Member Delta Chi (DCEA), WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92. 5'9", brown hair and eyes. Interested in crossdressing since age 10, bowling, softball, table tennis, and volunteer work. "My life has changed since coming out and joining support groups and subscribing to magazines like *Tapestry* and the *Femme Mirror*."

HELEN G.
(MD-P-M2227-K2672-66)
Member of Delta Chi and Washington Baltimore Alliance. Attended Fantasia Fair the last three years, Texas T Party, Program Director Delta Chi. Big TV, 5'9", size 26, 48 bra. Interested in classical music, photography, and attending TV meetings and events. "Love attending and working for the Fair and local groups. Love to meet TV sisters. Would

love to meet a genetic female who understands CDs."

DEE DEE HENSELL
(MD-NP-M2329-K3026-69)
Member Kappa Beta. Divorced CD, 49, looking for woman who would like role-reversal in a relationship. I'd like to keep house and make a home for that special girl. Want to learn how to sew, and go to cosmetology school. Now living and working as a domestic. Like to meet and correspond with others."

JULIA CYBELE
(C MD-P-M2739-K4337-68)
Member Mensa-TG. New Woman 12/92. INFP; hetaera-philosophe. "I adore autumn sunsets, ancient mystery, sisterhood, Hayden symphonies, Dr. Biber, friendships new and old, green tea, and the countless reflections of Her Light."

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(MD-P-M3142-K4212-66)
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out among my sisters, and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady sorrespondent."

GWEN D.
(MD-P-M3547-K7439-66)
6', 155, 37, MWM, educated, professional artist. "Am new to our community and very much want to learn and experience more of this wonderful and exciting lifestyle. Adore everything feminine and flirtatious, from short skirts and high heels to bridal gowns and baby dolls. Would love to correspond and possibly meet other TV/TSs. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with the same."

LARISA (LARA) B.
(MD-M3911-K8376-69)
41, 6', 170, M2F ambisexual (TG), struggling towards androgyny, surgeon on sabbatical, religious Jewish upbringing. Interested in travel, investing, gardening, self-growth. Divorced. Two lovely children now in Israel. "Partially out, would like to learn to pass. Understanding and accepting myself deepens my appreciation of others."

RENE R.
(MD-P-M4191-K8579-67)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, tall, slender biTV, shy and independent. Interested in photography, fashion, art, outdoors/nature, traveling. "Enjoy meeting upfront and honest individuals for friendship. Would enjoy traveling to meet new friends. Not the best correspondent, but will respnd to all sincere letters with photos."

MICHELLE CHRISTIANSEN
(MD-M4162-K8948-67)
SWM TV with TS tendencies, 5'9", 160 and losing, 10-12, hazel eyes, long sandy blonde hair. Interested in music, reading, Sci-fi and fantasy, medievalism, cars, boating, building wardrobe, and developing my fem side. "Dressed since childhood. In closet, but want to get out. Wish to relocate and live full time. Anyone need a girlfriend, sister, roommate?"

MICHELLE J. FARELL
(MD-M4190-K6477-67)
Sexy, attractive CD, 29, 5'11", 160. Pretty hazel eyes. Like shopping, shoes, sexy clothes, poetry, night life. Athletic, feminine and attractive either way. Well mannered, honest and fun. "Like to hear from all young attractive femmes for correspondence. Seeking tricks of trade for total illusion."

LINDA W.
(MD-NP-M4261-K6439-67)
Member of Black Rose and PEP. 58, 6'4", 185, brown hair and eyes. Single. Interested in American Truck Historical Society, musician/banjo, gardening, landscaping. "Love to dress in sexy short skirts, lingerie and heels. Go nightclubbing weekly in DC. Correspond with other TV/TS couples for friendship and more."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

LINDA C. (VA-M0703-K0784-66)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

JAYNE MACK
(VA-P-M1206-K0748-68)
Member TransGender E. A. DWM, mid-50s, 5'8", 160, blue eyes. "Writer who loves dressing up, jazz and meeting new friends. Looking for sister, genetic woman or those who appreciate our sisterhood to help me become as feminine as possible."

CHRISTINA SMITH
(VA-P-M1868-K2176-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

DEBBIE LYNNE OGLE
(C VA-M2095-K2493-68)
Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Interested in computers, sci-fi music. "Things have really opened up for me since my surgery, and just keep getting better!"

SHEILA W.
(VA-NP-M2276-K2832-69)
Member Virginia's Secret. 39, 6', 185, green eyes. Interested in photography, shopping, sharing stories, exchanging photos. "I'm friendly but shy at first. I try to be a good correspondent—not always successfully. Am getting out more as I grow in confidence. Always delighted to meet other CDs."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-NP-M2460-K3426-69)
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shop-

ping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

LAINE R.
(VA-P-M3559-K7489-68)
"If you're interested in meeting a very sexy TV who looks great in skin-tight black micro skirts, I'd love to hear from you. I'm late 30s, sometimes bi, and passable. Whether I'm fully dressed, applying my makeup, or just chatting with other girls, I love exploring my femininity. Supportive girlfriend willing to help."

CHRIS JONES
(VA-P-M3666-K7927-68)
Member DCEA, Virginia's Secret. Married TV, 5'8", 145, 48. "Just starting out of closet after dressing in lonely secrecy for more than 35 years. Starting to feel comfortable with myself after all this time. Love to make contact with other TVs. Like reading, dressing, shopping. Eager to make new friends and share experiences and girl talk."

JESSICA WARREN
(VA-P-M3673-K7973-68)
Member TGEA, TCNE. Attended Coming Together '93. SWM. 6', hetero, CD, 32. President TGEA. Interested in athletics, reading, computers, & shopping. "I strive to be passable and classy. Am very comfortable with myself. Enjoy meeting and helping other CDs. Good correspondent. Letters from all transgendered people and women welcomed. Photo appreciated."

MIKKI LYNNE D.
(VA-P-M3792-K3263-68)
Hetero, SWM TV, 44, 13/14, 5'9". Professional pilot, real estate investor, nonsmoker. Interested in fitness, health, sunrise, fog, star-filled skies, brandy, and ice-cream. "Regularly enjoyed areas of feminine dressing. Though still in closet, have been out dressed alone at night. Have decided to live the experience more fully. Will answer all TV/TSs, women, with polite photo."

STEPHANIE A. BROOKS
(VA-M3901-K6050-69)
Member Tri-Ess. Mathematician, systems engineer, TV. Interested in math, physics, philosophy, politics, literature, backgammon, sailing, Star Trek-ing, "The Prisoner," guns, hard rock, jazz, auto racing. "To live one's life happy, without need for regret is to live a good life."

CARRIE ANN S.
(VA-M3960-K8575-66)
SWM TV, 41, 5'8". Interested in computers, movies, pets. "Lifelong crossdresser, finally becoming comfortable with my lifestyle after years of guilt. Would love to correspond with females, TV/TSs. I dress most evenings after work. Goal is to be a happy &respectable TV."

KAY EDWARDS
(VA-P-M4142-K8916-66)
Member TGEA, Virginia's Secret. Forty-something, MWM, 5'7", 165, hetero CD. Engineer interested in ham radio, computers, boating, shopping and the gender community. "Wife knows, but does not support. Kay loves dressing up and going out. Would like to write and meet other sisters and genetic women. Photo appreciated."

ROBIN HOWELL
(VA-NP-M4410-K9242-68)
SWM, 6', 135, long brown hair. Interested in history, politics, movies, traveling, and getting out more. "A longtime CD. I would like to correspond, maybe meet with interesting people with good humor. Please send photo if possible. I live as much of my life as possible dressed."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH
(WV-M0640-K0809-68)
Member Crossroads. MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-66)
Member TWV. Attended Be All '90, '91, Paradise in the Poconos '91. Married CD 6'1", passable, happy and at ease in the feminine role. Interested in cartooning, sewing (make most of my own clothes, now). "Would like to hear from others interested in sewing/tailoring for CDs, but will answer all."

MARY NEWMAN
(WV-M2226-K2671-66)
Member Transpitt. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, Be All '90, '92. DWM, 6', 175, TV with TS tendencies, 46. Interested in reading, music, walking, archery, fishing, shopping, personal growth. "Will be living full-time on a trial basis in near future. Would like contact with someone living full-time and enjoying the outdoor life (hiking, camping, etc.)."

DEE H. (WV-M2329-K3026-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 46, hetero, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interested in all things feminine, a better look, fishing, canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in makeup. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

RENEE LYNN H.
(S WV-P-M2604-K3772-67)
Member Crossport, TransWV. MWM, 47. "Married to a very supportive and understanding wife. Interested in corresponding with other sisters, shopping, dressing, and just being feminine. Been CD since early childhood. Haven't been out dressed except for TransWV meeting. Some day I would like to be able to go out in public dressed. Will write to all."

JOYCE FRANCINE EVANS
(WV-P-M3129-K5661-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Trans W VA. Hetero CD, SWM, 43, shy, 5'9", 180, size 18. Interested in walking, hiking, history, talk readio, *BBW* magazine, watching HSC fashion shows, and crossdressing. "Enjoy high heels and panty hose. Still in closet. Would like to hear from other CDs. Will write back. I'm discreet, expect the same."

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6841-67)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. Attended Be All

a few years back. 38, 5'7", brown eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. "I've been a TV all my life. Have an understanding wife who helps me. Love passing in public in both casual and fancy clothes. Love being a lady!"

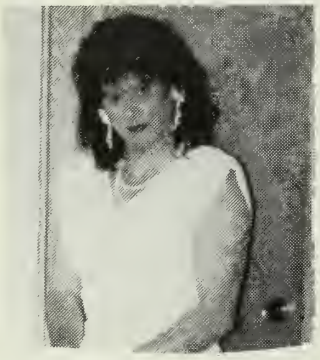
NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

LYNN BISHOP
(NC-P-M2414-K3350-66)
Tall (6'), Slim (145), blue-eyes, blonde hair. Interested in reading, writing (poetry), music, jogging, yoga, sports (golf, basketball, baseball), conversation, and the arts. "For me, learning to love and accept myself has not been easy, quick, or simple. I'm getting there, though. The truism is true: how I feel about myself determines how I feel about other people."

CATHERINE B.
(NC-P-M2480-K3510-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Kappa Beta. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, '92. MWM, 5'9", 142. "Having a great time coming out the past two years after occasionally dressing for the past twenty. Love to shop, dine out, etc. Will correspond as work and family constraints allow."

VERONICA JEAN SMITH
(NC-M4106-K8887-66)
5'11", 175, blue eyes, graying brown hair, 40-something. Interested in art, music, dance and cooking. Enjoy outdoor activities. "I started hormone treatments 8 months ago and have been pleased with the results. Would like to correspond with other TG persons. Looking for a Programed Gender Clinic to complete my rebirth."

STEPHANIE DULA
(NC-NP-M2519-K3660-67)
Member TGA. 5'9", 22, TG. Interested in art, music, walking, outreach to others in our community. "Just enjoy being me. I am happily engaged to a wonderful, loving lady. Would like to hear from other couples in the Central NC area."



JANICE LONG
(NC-P-M3146-K4630-66)
Lifelong TV, 6'2". Interested in cooking, shopping, reading, photography, and sports. "I'm trying to understand and accept this part of myself. I've made some progress this past year, but I'm still basically closeted. Would love to hear from other CDs and especially women in NC and VA."

DEBBIE N.
(NC-P-M3497-K7213-67)
Dual-gendered, sober, vegetarian 38 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "My whole self is in metamorphosis toward its original nature. Correspondence with the gender community is dearly cherished."

KATHERINE D.
(NC-M4128-K8921-67)
Married, professional, crossdresser. Interested in sports and fashion. "Kathy has been crossdressing several years, but is just now discovering her femme self. She is a new member of Tri-Ess. Goal is to develop so that she may pass in public."

JENNIFER GOODNIGHT
(NC-P-M3640-K7825-68)
Attended Southern Comfort '91, Dressing for Pleasure '91. Buxomly built gal, 38, 5'9", 43-32-42. Looking for understanding friends that want to meet and go out on the town. Interested in music, travel, intimate times. "Can travel. Enjoy all aspects of helping others in our transgendered world."

AMY LYNN PARRISH
(NC-P-M3903-K8382-66)
Member and President of TCC of NC. 5'10", 150, brown hair, green eyes. "Dressing as a woman and being feminine is my main goal. Love being a woman and dressing sexy. Love to hear from other TV/TSs. Please send photo if possible."

JACKIE J.
(NC-P-M4048-K8273-66)
SWM, 5'9", 44, 175 and losing, size 12. Interested in dressing up, computers, fishing, hunting, aviation, dancing "shag," beach music, gardening. "Learning to accept what I can't change. Acquiring new wardrobe after recent purge and nasty divorce. Would like to write to/meet sisters in E NC, possibly start a group. Like feedback on passability, experimenting with clothing styles, makeup."

ANITA B.
(NC-P-M4127-K8913-66)
Pre-op TS, 5'8", 132. Interested in music, dancing, and fine dining. "I have crossed most bridges and have one to go. Am comfortable with myself and would like to meet others. Will answer all."

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-NP-M4235-K9428-68)
Lifelong CD. "Love to exchange letters and photos! Enjoy going out and cherish time as Pamela, but know the real satisfaction is in helping others. Love to look at the humorous side of the transgendered community, and proud to be a part of it. Write soon! Eager to make new friends."

GINGER M.
(NC-NP-M4313-K5509-67)
MWM, hetero, 42, 6', 175, blonde hair, blue eyes. Interested in dressing as Ginger, all things feminine. "After suppress-

ing CD desires, have accepted Ginger as a big part of me. Intolerant wife limits opportunities. Still semi-in closet. Been out twice. Want to write/meet warm, sincere TV/TS/CD to discuss feelings and techniques."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

BOBBIE ANN B.
(SC-M2874-K4857-68)
DWM. hetero, CD, 36, 6'1". "Love dressing in hose, heels and lingerie. Dressing since age 8. Making progress, but still need help. Must be careful due to home situation. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and GG and maybe meet. Love girl talk."

KATIE MARIE JOHNSON
(SC-P-M3326-K6604-66)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 162, 43. Interested in talk radio, CD, walking, shopping, collecting miniature cars. "Been CD since childhood. Love dressing up. Wife extremely supportive, we love going shopping together. Want to correspond with others, couples who are dealing with the sexual and emotional implications of CD. Like to find/start club in SC. Please write."

SHERRY LYNN CAPPS
(SC-NP-M3338-K6637-67)
Member Republican Transgender Caucus. 22, 5'11", 190, size 18T. Interested in history, shooting, shopping, cycling, going out. "Prelaw major. Transgendered Republican seeking sincere, thoughtful discussion, but no pervo-mail. Can entertain/host most visitors in Charlotte, NC area."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

JENNIFER A. LAVERY
(GA-P-M3215-K6218-66)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. MWM, 42, 5'8", 150. Hetero, passable, educated, professional CD. "Enjoy historical novels, minor league baseball, my children, home decorating, golf, and shopping. A caring, sincere person, and a true friend, willing to give as well as receive. Avid conversationalist and a faithful correspondent. Wife knows, but is totally intolerant."

RACHEL W.
(GA-P-M3251-K6404-67)
MWM, CD, 45, 5'10". Enjoy shopping and dining, going out to movies, always dressed. "Have great, accepting family. Would like to meet and correspond with other sisters."

DIANA AUSTIN
(GA-NP-M3283-K6478-66)
Attended Texas T Party, Be All. WMM, 35, 5'9", 155, brown eyes/hair. Interested in having fun as Diana, music, dancing, lingerie, fine wine, movies. "Would love to meet/correspond with people who are positive and happy with life. Enjoy going out to the malls, dinner, dancing. Will try and answer all. SASE would help."

ANNIE LYNN
(GA-P-M3298-K6557-66)
Tall, 33, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends to help me relax and be myself. Travel some. Would like to write and meet some other ladies to have fun and learn more about being a woman."

JOANNE JOHNSON
(GA-P-M3310-K6594-67)
Attended Southern Comfort '92. Divorced CD, single parent, 40's, 5'10", 175. Interested in tennis, photography, shopping. "Enjoying life more since realizing that some things need to be changed while other things should be accepted. Knowing the difference is the hard part. Would like to meet other CDs and non-CDs, including genetic females, who can appreciate me."

KEVIN (GA-M3446-K7099-68)
"Letter writing is an untapped potential of expression. Then you add crossdressing and there's artistic playfulness and experimentation in ways beyond any magazine form can produce. Does anyone reading this know what 'mail art' means, or collaborative 'artist books'? Unstructured minds write!"

KATHERINE ADAMS
(GA-M3737-8201-69)
MWM, 33, hetero, CD. "Wife doesn't know of my second half, and would not understand. Seeking correspondence, advice, discreet friendship. Wide-ranging interests: art, cinema, music, psychology. Love to dress in elegant corset and foundations, sexy dress, and role-play. Favorite mags: *Tapestry, FAD, Skin-Two,* and *CNL*."

CASSANDRA LAUREN BEARD
(GA-NP-M3849-K2147-69)
Fun-loving, feminine, flirtatious, bi-SW TS, 28, nonsmoker, 5'7", 170, dark brown hair and eyes. Professional interior designer. "Adore shopping, cultural events, living in Atlanta experiencing life as a woman (as often as possible). Eager to begin transition process. Looking for advice and support from pre- and post-ops, TVs, understanding women."

CASSANDRA MONROE
(GA-M4061-K8792-66)
6'4", 270, brown hair, eyes. Interested in CD, stamps, collecting recipes. "Would like to reestablish contact with former correspondents. Lost all addresses, etc. in accident 8/10/92. I am a quadriplegic due to the accident, but am learning to use a computer for correspondence. Will attempt to answer any letters sent."

STEPHANIE SIMMONS
(GA-M4220-K7323-68)
Hetero MCD, late 40s. Interested in music, gardening, theater, jogging, shopping. "Love dressing in pretty feminine attire with makeup, heels, wig. Am finally coming to accept myself, but very shy about coming out. Would appreciate your thoughts and ideas as I take this first step out."

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

JENNIFER REECE
(FL-P-M0739-K0930-67)
SWM, hetero, 38. Interested in all water sports and boating. "Looking for a woman

or a pre-op transsexual to communicate with. I'm a good person and lots of fun."

AUSTINE B.
(FL-M1086-K0910-68)
DWM CD, TS inclinations. 53, 5'8", 150, sensitive, gentle, and caring. "In and out of closet since childhood. Many interests including music and ballet. Anxious to build a support group in the Palm Beaches. Will send photo to serious correspondents. A friend of Bill W."

VANESSA S.
(FL-M1178-K0919-68)
Member, Tri-Ess. 50, 5'7", 150. Interested in writing and reading TV fiction, history, all feminine pursuits, avid collector of photos, articles, books, and videos on crossdressing. "Lifelong CD. Published author of TV fiction. Writing of letters is constrained by my business and family responsibilities. Have a passion for hosiery and heels. Seek to meet like-minded sisters."

PETRA DAWN
(FL-NP-M1314-K0817-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda. Attended Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Late-30's, married with two children. "Active on Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline. Would like to start a group in north Florida/South Georgia. Have gone to Atlanta, but 5+ hours is a long drive. Love to hear from sisters."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-69)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-67)
Member Crossport, IXE, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

CYNTHIA SILVA
(FL-P-M1848-K2081-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Paradise in the Poconos '90, Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Single, 64, 5'9". "Enjoy dressing, model HO scale RR, personal computing, some photography, easy listening music. Will try to answer all letters ASAP."

CHARLENE FIRESTINE
(FL-P-M1934-K2223-68)
Member of Serenity. DWM, 5'7". Interested in anything female. "Love to get together with other sisters and share ideas and dreams. Enjoy renting movies, listening to the golden oldies on the radio. Love to go out to clubs for a nice time on the town. Wish to hear from sisters all over the country."

JACQUELYN NOWLING
(FL-M2063-K2459-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

ANNA BLAKE
(FL-M2418-K3340-68)
Friendly non-op TS, 40. Lives with understanding wife. "I've learned to accept who I am and enjoy hearing from other TSs who have accepted the path they are on. I've received much support from our community, primarily on gender-oriented BBSs."

JOANNE SHANNON
(FL-M2690-K4330-67)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'3", 215, 44. Interested in getting back to basics, homesteading, photography, natural history, electronics, computers, American history. "In the closet but slowly emerging. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Hetero but bi-curious. Desire to correspond with and meet sisters in NE FL. Need support and understanding. Please write. Will answer all."

JEAN RICH
(FL-P-M2824-K4690-67)
Member of Serenity. Attended Coming Together in Philadelphia, Moonlight over Manhattan. 5'9", 155, very passable, 50. Interested in disco dancing, photography, stock market, shopping, travel, national events. Hetero TV, athletic biker and aerobic sports. "Enjoy company of GG and bi-women, professional degrees."

JODY N. (FL-P-M2968-K5101-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre- and post-op. Photo, please, if possible. Peace."

BOBBI REED
(FL-M3171-K6048-66)
5'7", 130, slender build. Very real breasts. Interested in writing, video, meeting new friends, travel, and sharing new ideas. "I would like to become a member of some group, but time and job prevent that at present. Would be glad to hear from anyone that has time to write. Am always open to new information and ideas."

CATHY R.
(FL-P-M3007-K5262-69)
SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

DEBORAH BANDO
(FL-NP-M3014-K5202-68)
38-27-37, 6', 148, auburn-haired Italian. Interested in swimming, movies, sewing, bicycle riding, sightseeing, museums (natural sciences, aviation). "Would love very much to write and come to know others as myself, in my area and out of state. Have been on hormones for two years, now."

SUSAN S.
(FL-P-M3130-K4824-66)
MWM, 5'10", 155, CD, totally hetero. Interested in writing, reading, collecting TV fiction dealing with petticoat punishment. Wrote 250 page story dealing with

sissification. As a boy I was crossdressed frequently. My story mimics my life. Answer all sincere letters. Include photo, exchange books, stories, etc."

DENISE PAUL
(FL-NP-M3334-K6615-67)
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse. Interested in computers, travel, and communicating with other sincere and discreet people. "Have enjoyed crossdressing since the age of 8. We would like to hear from others who share our lifestyle. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTCB91A or by mail."

CINDY G.
(FL-P-M3522-K4011-68)
New girl in S. Fla. Young, 5'6", passable. "Looking for safe, discreet fun and friends for dancing, dining and dates. Please write with SASE and photos."

STEPHANIE CARIN MICHAELS
(FL-P-M3753-K8207-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, 39, 5'6", 145. Interested in aviation, ballroom dancing (long, elegant gowns), and studying feminine characteristics. "Seeking a CD girlfriend in my area to go out on the town with. Love sharing my thoughts and feelings as a crossdresser."

NORMA SUSAN
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 50, 5'8", 190 and losing. Inexperienced, eager to learn. Nonsupportive wife. Enjoy meeting new friends in Tampa area to have fun dressing together. Would really love to meet sister who would share home for CD sessions and shopping together. Will answer all. Photo helpful."

LINDSAY DUVAL
(FL-M3879-K4598-66)
TV, 37, 6', 160, hetero. Interested in natural history, specialist in marine fishes, collecting feathers, and wandering on the beach. "Recently out of the closet. Accepting myself for what and who I am. I enjoy dressing when possible, and would love to hear from you. All letters answered."

SISSY K. (FL-M3926-K8439-67)
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Would love to share interactive fantasies."

KAREN R.
(FL-P-M4018-K8675-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu, Tri-Ess BBS. Married, 45. Interested in computers and BBSing. Presently experiencing a new lease on life with acceptance of Karen by myself and my wife. Have always loved shoes, heels, hose, and would like to open a shoe store. Enjoy everything feminine, and will answer all."

DENISE B.
(FL-NP-M4035-K8736-66)
Married, hetero CD, 38, 5'10", 155. Attended '93 Be All. "Working on telling wife. Dress about twice a month. Member of local support group and frequent accepting gay bars. Have been shopping in the malls once and was in heaven! Would like to start local club/lounge for TV/TSs. Let's write and exchange ideas."

HOLLY JONES
(FL-M4088-K8813-66)
MWM. 5'8", 180 and losing. Professional pilot. Interested in the outdoors and anything feminine. "Slowly coming out of the closet and I want to experience life, but it is difficult with a non-supportive wife. Like to write and meet other sisters, supportive women, and couples."

MICHELLE JENSEN
(FL-P-M4134-K8936-66)
6'3", 158, green eyes, 33, pre-op TS. Interested in reading, sports, working out, shopping, music, dancing, and night clubs. "Outgoing, love to meet new friends. Will correspond and exchange photos. Interested in meeting sincere gentlemen in Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area. Nothing bizarre, please."

ANNE B. (FL-M4318-K8240-68)
MWM, 6', 160, CD, 42. "Still in the closet. Love to read about CD in books and magazines. Not interested in meeting anyone in person, but will correspond. Try to spend free time dressed to some degree or other. Have dressed in female clothes for as long as I can remember, usually while alone. Love shopping and trading CD books, etc."

MASTER STONE
(FL-P-M4176-K0764-67)
SWM, 40, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, professional engineer. "Spent 15 years promoting the positive aspects of the leather lifestyle, especially in regards to TV/TS society. Seeking monogamous relationship with totally beautiful and feminine TV/TS willing to commit to D & S leather lifestyle. I travel throughout US, so let's meet and discuss future."

PATRICIA GREENE
(FL-M4356-K9546-67)
51, 5'9", married CD, wife trying to cope. Interested in dressing up when possible, computers, discovering all of the TG/CD world that I have finally learned does exist! "Very cautious, but extremely excited to know there are so many CDs all over the world. Hope to actually contact some of you."

ROSALIND HART
(FL-M0768-K1479-69)
Member of Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Be All meetings. MWM hetero TV, 65, 5'6", 165. Interested in computers, amateur radio, feminine clothes, space travel. "Supportive wife. Three children. Am degreed professional. Would like to meet or correspond with other couples. Visitor to malls and restaurants with wife. Pass with hormones and electrolysis."

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

MARY JANE WALKER
(N AL-P-M2105-K2508-68)
Member Tri-Ess. A young 65 years old,

5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from, meet others in the N.AL or GA area. Will answer all."

RENÉE PHILLIPS
(AL-M2535-K3705-66)
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

MICHELLE STEADMAN
(N AL-P-M2547-K3717-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Director of Sigma Rho Gamma Chapter - SERGA, Beta Chi, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, 37, hetero-CD, 5'9", 190, brown eyes, brown hair. Two children, professionals. "Married to an exceptional woman who made me blossom. We formed a chapter of Tri-Ess. My wife is the SERGA liaison for the Wives and Partners Concerns. We love to write. You may write to either or both of us."

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-68)
Member of NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TV-TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel at will.

CELESTE RICHARDS
(AL-M3197-K6191-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "CDing is the portal and liberation of my inner self. Was not complete until I learned to be the woman inside. 'To empower others is an act of compassion. To empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

LAUREN HALL
(AL-M3202-K6117-66)
Late 30s, tall, professional, sincere, friendly. Interested in music, literature, imaginative and honest people. "To will to be oneself is the opposite of despair." Søren Kierkegaard

JENNIFER EVANS
(AL-M3783-K3790-68)
Member of Tri-Ess. 6'6" short, blue eyes, slim build. Attractive CD. Have never appeared in public. Interested in diving, theatre, personal finance, channeling and spirituality. College educated professional working on Master's degree. "Love to express my feminine side. Feel free to write, especially understanding ladies."

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

TAMMI MCINTYRE
(E TN-P-M1732-K1894-67)
Member Crossroads. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair. Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady. "I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture. I will try to respond to all contacts."

RUBBER RACHEL
(TN-M1640-K0945-66)
Attractive, 6', 170, blue eyed TV. "I would like to correspond with professional, educated gentlemen and TVs interested in the company of a talented boy/girl. Sincerity, good taste, and understanding, always. Love frilled latex panties, satin slips, and flared skirts."

RITA HEFELFINGER
(TN-P-M2860-K4818-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, hetero TV, 47, 5'6", 135. "Just married to a wonderfully supportive wife who helps with my dressing. Love to shave my entire body and go anywhere while dressed. We would like to hear from other CDs and couples who would like to meet for socializing and intelligent conversation. Promise a prompt reply."

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

SISSY S. (MS-P-M3443-K7091-67)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 36, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

KAREN SCOTT
(MS-P-M3472-K7184-68)
Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinery, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures."

WENDI F. YARBROUGH
(MS-M3423-K6906-67)
SWM, 6'2", 200, greying blond, blue eyes. 48, pre-op TS. Interested in obtaining hormones, learning to dress and apply makeup, having electrolysis as often as I can. "Here in South Mississippi it's hard to find counseling/medical help for pre-op TSs. There are no groups to help."

JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-66)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-67)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

LYNNE B. (KY-M1992-K2494-68)
Interested in corresponding with a TV/TS.

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

OHIO (434- 457-)

FRAN S. (OII-M0848-K1016-67)
Member Crossport, Tri-Ess. Senior citizen, 5'8", 170. Interested in outdoors, things feminine. "Spouse not sympathetic. In closet now, but not satisfied. Live now in small town."

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S OII-P-M0954-K1005-69)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

TONI II. (OII-M1066-K0970-68)
"I'm Toni, way back in the closet. If you are a closet TV who isn't coming out and would like to meet, say once a month to dress, drinks, talk and have private dinners and then adios, write with absolute guaranteed discretion, always!"

KIMBERLY S. GRAYCHECK
(SW OH-M1628-K0035-66)
"Thirty-four-year-old crossdresser interested in improving all aspects of feminine style. Hope to meet intelligent, interesting people to help with new behavior. GG/TV/TSs all welcomed. Inexperienced, but willing to learn. Will try to answer all who write."

MARY R. (OII-M1731-K1875-69)
Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total rôle reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-67)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

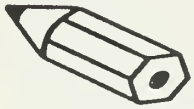
KATHERINE H.
(OH-M1994-K2073-67)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-68)
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Completely discreet."

RHONDA MILLER
(OII-P-M2150-K2546-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All '93. Divorced CD, 54, 5'7", 160, nicely proportioned, educated, passes easily. Enjoys fashions, movies, girl talk, picture taking sessions, and being feminine. "Want to correspond with CDs. If interests are mutual, want to meet for conversation. Desire friendship. Will answer all inquiries."

AMY L. (OII-P-M2671-K4180-68)
Lonely, single bi-TV, 32, 5'3". Interested in photography, nature, motorcycles. "Like to hear from other TV/TS, understanding women for friendship, support, fun, and possible relationship. Can travel. Photo and SASE appreciated."

MARJORIE MILLER
(NE OH-M2710-K4382-68)
Member Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 165. Interested in photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."



JENNY WILLIAMS
(NE OII-M2714-K4357-68)
SW TV, 30, 6', 180, natural long brown hair, strong attraction to other TVs, looking for friendship and possibly more. Let's stumble through the confusion, joys and sorrows together. I'm a good shoulder to cry on. I'll need one, too! Let's be sisters. I love long hair."

JENNY R. (OII-M3118-K5657-66)
6', SWM, 135, CD, 33. Interested in long walks and crossdressing. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CD/TV/GGs for long talks and improving my femme side."

PAM HOWARD
(OII-M3162-K5989-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega, Erie Sisters. Attended Riverside Gala Weekend. 5'11", 150, blonde, hetero. Interested in computers, jazz, cross sountry skiing, kite flying. "Gone out many times. Will correspond with as many as I can."

JOAN B. (OII-P-M3224-K6235-66)
Attended Southern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

ROXANNE LEWIS
(OII-M3582-K7576-67)
5'3", 140, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in Sci-Fi, writing, computers, Sci-Fi conventions, past lives. "Interested in meeting people, esoterica, gender, and science issues, friendships."

THERESA R.
(OH-P-M3244-K6409-67)
Member Paradise Club, Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. 6'6", 265, brown eyes, hair depends on mood. Interested in dressing, makeup, helping those "out" that are still "in" for whatever reason. "Attended Poconos in September. Since then life has been a blur. Have gotten out and love it. Will reply to any, and all questions welcome."

WENDY A.
(OH-P-M3361-K6733-66)
Sincere, 5'10", 175, 29, professional. Interested in computers, photography, and making new friends. "Would like to meet others with similar interests to discuss personal experiences, techniques, motivations, and feelings for mutual support."

VIRGINIA PETERS
(OH-P-M3386-K6800-66)
New to this wonderful world of crossdressing, and am looking to make new friends. I may be bi, don't know, but I know how strong my feelings are when dressed. Enclose picture when you write me. Response will be quick. Love to all!"

TRACY WINTERS
(OH-M3622-K4238-67)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Alpha Omega, Crystal Club. MWM, CD, 57, 150, 52. "Wife not supportive. Would like to meet and/or correspond with CD/TV/TS/GG in NCO or anywhere else. Please include photo."

CINDY TRAUM
(OH-P-M3589-K7569-67)
Member Crystal Club. Hetero, CD, 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, 40's, German/American, college education, Vietnam Veteran, professional. "Lifelong CD. Enjoy going places en femme. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, classical music, oldies music, theater and traveling. Usually express the career-woman look. Love sexy lingerie and evening gowns."

ROXANNE L.
(OH-M3755-K7391-69)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

JOYCE H.
(OH-P-M3802-K0437-69)
Member Crystal Club, Transpitt. 5'10", 145, hetero male. "Have made many friends in the last year. Am coming to accept myself as I am, and enjoying this lifestyle immensely. Have been out to restaurants and night clubs en femme with no problems. I have lots to learn and am enjoying the journey I am on."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-M3955-K8523-69)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-66)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All. TV, 160, 16, redhead, married, 6'. Interested in dancing, shopping, conversation, sewing, cosmetology, and passing. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Like being well dressed. Pass well except for height. Love going to exciting nightspots en femme. Learning hairstyling, sewing, and performance (lip sync). Will answer all and exchange photos."

LISA BECKER
(OH-NP-M4328-K8698-67)
SCD, 49, 5'11", 145. "Recently tuned in to a wonderful life of freedom and expression. Dressed rarely since 20s, quite often, now. Just started makeup. Still shy about going out, though have gone for rides alone and with sisters who live nearby. Love flying, computers, photos, writing, outdoor activities. Want to exchange photos and letters."

DEBORAH LEE B.
(OH-M4053-K3837-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All, Holday En Femme. 5'7", 230, pass well. Interested in art (portrait painter), music, bowling, golf, computers (I publish Alpha Omega's *Femme Silhouette*). Married. TG. "Other than work and church, I live as my femme self. Sec/Treas for Alpha Omega 4 years."

LESLEY L. FISHER
(OH-M4164-K0814-67)
DWM, 43, 6'0", 180, hetero TV. Interested in reading, music, keeping fit, backpacking, house plants. "Relatively new to crossdressing. Enjoy wearing soft, silky women's clothing, and do so in the evening and under my daytime masculine garb. Only mildly interested in appearing totally female. Trying to figure out where I fit in. Will answer all."

MICHELLE W.
(NE OH-M4180-K3177-67)
6'4", 250, 41, MWM, new TV. Interested in writing, reading, newly willing to seek self-discovery. "Femme self, long imprisoned in macho image, is ready for freedom. Seeking sincere TV/TS/TG girlfriends to share joys and risks of crossgendered lifestyle. Will respond promptly to all kind enough to write."

MARLENE HENKE
(OH-M4187-K6487-67)
Member Crystal Club. MWM, 40, 6'4", CD. Interested in computers and traveling. "Wife understands and we are dealing with my crossdressing together. Just coming out of the closet, but not out the door yet. Would like to correspond with other retired military persons."

PAULA HARMSTON
(OH-M4337-K6968-68)
Member Tri-Ess,. 6', 170, brown eyes, hair. 44, professional, married, hetero. Interested in old movies, music. Travel frequently on business, enjoy meeting sisters around country. Enjoys shopping, resteraunts, etc."

INDIANA (463- 479-)

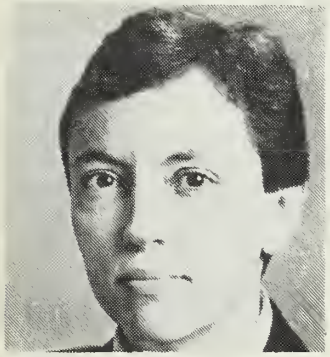
YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-69)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love

shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my femme self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with / meet select couples."

BETH H. (IN-M1613-K1042-66)
DWM, 52, struggling with TS issues. Piano player, poet, professional background. "Traditional woman excited by today's challenges. 12-stepper. Spiritual. I'm moving from obsessive isolation, seeking life of greater responsibility, caring and growth. Welcome correspondence, sharing from those of a like mind and heart."

VERONICA MAE S. (IN-M1712-K1886-66)
Blonde, big boned (not fat), shy, lonely, frustrated, middle-aged gal. Pass okay. Interested in being a girl, model RR, nature, wild life, romance, second hand stores. "Want boy friend for companionship, maybe fun. Please, not too far away. No games. Be sincere, just as I am"



DAN COOK-RILEY (IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

GLORIA ANN C. (SE IN-P-M2872-K4832-66)
SBM, 5'10", 155. Interested in gardening, flowers, race cars. "Crossdressing since childhood. Still in closet, but getting better."

ANNIE JOHNSON (IN-M3400-K6858-67)
Member IXE. Attended Be All, Southern Comfort, IFGE '92 and '93. Secretary CTO, member Education & Outreach Committee, President IXE. "Interested in gender roles and culture, culture studies, walks, hiking, music. I have recently gone full-time and am starting my own consulting business."

CARIN QUEDENFELD (IN-P-M3494-K7211-67)
Pre-op transsexual. Work as a psychotherapist and manager of a large clinic. "Would be interested in friendships, contact w/ experienced post-op or pre-op."

TEDDY K. (IN-M3805-K8287-68)
Member of CIGA, IXE, Tri-Ess. Post-50s MWM. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. Interested in writing, editing, music, art, history, cooking, tennis, and bicycling. "Previously repressed CD with one year's active experience and continued ambitions to expand my new self. Willing to help other CDs and to corresoond with them."

LISA N. (IN-P-M3932-K8469-66)
5'9", 180, blonde, very blue eyes, medium build. Interested in SCUBA, cars, and all that is feminine. 37 year old novice. "I enjoy writing to sisters and would love to meet a sister for support, friendship and learning from her. I have a lot to learn, and need a tutor. Would love photo session."

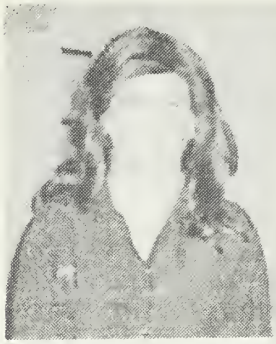
HEATHER P. (IN-M4117-K8922-67)
Member Crossport. 6'1", 180, mid-40's. Interested in working with handicapped persons, shopping, movies. "Starting into transition, been on hormones for 2• months. Searching for information and would like to correspond or meet with other pre- or post-op TSs or CDs for girl talk."

KRISTEN M. (IN-NP-M4056-K8779-67)
Single TV, tall and slender. Enjoy golf and outdoor activities. "Would like to meet women or other TV/TSs for dress up fun. Enjoy corresponding and exchanging photos. Will try to answer all."

RANDI E. (IN-P-M4080-K8767-66)
Hetero CD, 44, 5'8", blue eyes and great legs. "My wife is totally disabled, which limits my time to meet people and attend events. Into auto racing, photography, flying, and dressing in short skirts and high heels. Would like to meet other CD/TVs, real women who see me for who I am and not the clothes I like to wear. I can get away for short periods of time."

VICTORIA LEE W. (IN-P-M4112-K6392-66)
MWM, 47, 5'7", hetero TV, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, nature, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. Wife is moderately supportive as long as it's behind the bedroom door. Need to come out into the sunlight, but living in a small rural town makes that difficult."

JANET P. (IN-M4300-K2571-68)
5'11", married to a supportive wife, 41. "Just accepted who I am. Have been a CD since 8. Like philosophy, history, very femme attire, shopping with my wife for Janet's things, and being outdoors. Have only been out as femme self once. Would like to correspond with hetero CDs."



SARAH JEANETTE REASE (IN-NP-M4378-K9643-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society. Attended '93 Chicago Gay Pride Parade. 32 TV, 5'6", 160, single. Interested in animal conservation (wolves), reading SF, trying to improve my feminine side. "Would love to meet any TV/TS in NW Indiana or SW Michigan to talk shop. Would love to meet or correspond with understanding women."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

MILESA PHAR (MI-P-M0976-K1068-67)
Member Crossroads. Participant: Be All '84-'92. Married crossdresser. Enjoys photography, motorcycling, reading, computers. "Past President, editor, V.P. of *Crossroads*. Public and college speaker coordinator. Produced audio tape for TVs and wives."

JENNIFER ANN NELSON (SE MI-NP-M1165-K1050-68)
Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14,

brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

MARCIA ANN T.
(E MI-NP-M1871-K2173-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended '91, '92, '93 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165. Tri-city area. "For over 25 years have enjoyed passing in public. Wrote article on the mature CD for *LadyLike*. Love to correspond with prompt reply. Happy to share, help, and advise others."

MARSHA K.
(SE MI-P-M2719-K4382-68)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."

P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-67)
Member Crossroads, IME. 30, 5'6", 135. Androgynous Hispanic, M-F TG, 6-year civil servant. Interested in bicycling, muscle cars, road trips, music, and dancing. "Seek support and friendship in the Lansing area. Also seek employment in the southwestern states: AZ, NV, CO, NM."

BRENDA PETRY
(MI-M3583-K7577-67)
Member CrossRoads. Divorced, white, pre-op M-F TS. 5'9", 155, 44, MA degree. Interested in woodworking, high-end audio equipment. Enjoy all types of music, arts, theater. State-licensed contractor, registered with the EPA. Owner and president of my corporation for 20 years, transcending slowly due to a highly visible position within the business community.

JULIE M.
(MI-NP-M2936-K5012-68)
MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs and ladies who understand."

JENIELLE HERESY
(MI-P-M3299-K6562-66)
Member Crossroads and IME. 6'6", slender 190, 35, single. "Free lance artist using many mediums. Enjoy all aspects of femininity, quiet evenings at home, art galleries, most music, movies, and home improvement. Yes, I'm tall, and I love it. Will reply thoughtfully ASAP."

M. STEPHANIE WELLS
(MI-P-M3377-K6718-66)
5'9", early 40's, TG and very open minded, but perhaps too introspective. Interested in photography, books, computers, high-tech gadgets. "Formerly very outgoing, but now just stumbling along. Hope to make a few friends, hear some different viewpoints, and regain my perspective. Travel through OH, PA, and Washington, D.C. Please write."

JARA BETH H.
(MI-P-M3406-K6869-67)
5'6", 120, brown hair, blue eyes, pre-op TS. Interested in lingerie, lace, stockings, heels, skirts, pretty dresses, sexy men, sports, music, animals. "Extremely feminine M-F TS. On hormones since 4/90. Expect SRS by 9/96. Live and work full-time. I'll try to respond to all who write, especially men!"

DEBRA D. (MI-M3490-K7206-67)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

DIANE C.
(MI-P-M3740-K8200-69)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professional. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality. Seek correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

RONNIE B. (MI-M3824-K6352-68)
Member Cross Roads, Tri-Ess. MWM, 56. Attended Holiday En Femme '92, Be All '91-'93, Douglas Dunes '91, '92. "Enjoy my feminine side and all things associated with it. We will be relocating to Alabama on our 44' yacht in fall '93. Looking forward to meeting new sisters this winter. Will answer all who write."

DIANA T.
(MI-P-M4051-K8778-67)
MWM, 34. My interests include cooking, computers, music and education (U of M student). "TS on hormones who is married to a wonderful woman that shares my enthusiasm to meet TV/TS or single WM for conversation, friendship, dating and romantic evenings. Will answer all with photo."

JOANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-67)
45, SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and, of course, wearing women's clothes. "I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet males and females who enjoy wearing women's clothes."

ROBERTA LEIGH
(MI-M4408-K2684-68)
Member Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME. MWM, hetero CD, 5'6•", blonde, hazel, 18 and losing. Interested in CD, outdoor sports, travel, shopping. "Visit all 48 states and Canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love to all."

IOWA (500- 528-)

MICHELLE/BOBBYE G.
(IA-P-M4092-K8774-67)
Member River City Gender Alliance. 6', blonde hair, blue eyes, 175, 12-16, SWM, lifelong CD. Interested in gardening, referee volley ball, computers, women, fixing anything. "Sculptured nail technician, love nails, nail art. Dress occasionally. Just began again after lifetime of suppression/guilt. Have positive outlook

on life, great sense of humor. Kind and sensitive."

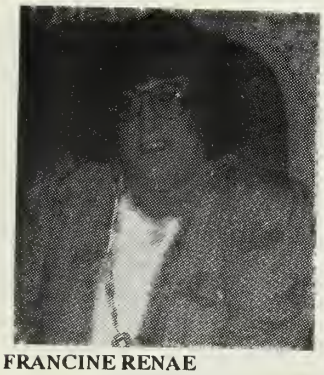
JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-68)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

NICOLE LEAIIY
(IA-M3897-K6468-66)
Tall, grey-blue eyes, curly brown hair, glasses. Interested in science, canoeing, camping, music, reading, correspondence. "TS looking for friends. Would love to correspond with other TSs in the professional world, especially the sciences."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

MARTHA M.
(WI-M1459-K1147-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme. 5'6", 160, 42, married, four kids. Interested in the arts, the outdoors, a night on the town. "Wife not supportive. Only get out in public a few times each year. Have worked through a lot as Martha. Willing to help others if you drop me a note."

PAULA M.
(W WI-M2036-K2273-68)
Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 77, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (51 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."



FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-66)
MWM, 47, 5'8", 240, disabled Vietnam Veteran. Interested in model railroading, anything feminine, equality education. "Beauty is in the mind and in the heart. Looking for sisters who can believe the same. Want to share femme ideas. Enjoy dressing. Seek friendships with CD/TS/GGs. Wish to hear from others in NE WI."

TANYA K. (WI-M3275-K4933-66)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, with strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Travel and dress in hotel room, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to be able to tell wife. Like classic and elegant styles. Would like to hear from those with similar interests."

JAMI B. (WI-P-M3456-K7120-67)
Member of Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All '93. Tall, sometimes good looking. "Jami and Jim are one. The saddest part is taking off the makeup. Wonder and strength and delightful energy integrate with nurturing spirit and wisdom. Despite the pain of nonacceptance, I thank God for what she has given me"

KARA S. (WI-M3781-K3306-69)
5'13", 215, 30. Single, Native American TV. Interested in philosophy, cooking, long walks, music, meaningful conversation. "Believe in striving for balance in life: left-brain right-brain development, the male and the female within, concern for oneself and for one's community. My feminine side is more visible on the inside, but it's there. My first peak out of the closet. Write if you have something to say."

ANA RICHARDSON
(WI-NP-M3938-K8485-69)
"That's me. I', a writer, dancer, single parent, a lonesome thing. Looking for kindred souls in Wisconsin, or elsewhere. I travel frequently and love FI shows, jazz, baseball. No propositions, please. I'm in a rewarding relationship with a genetic female lesbian."

ADRIENNE S. LEE
(WI-NP-M4276-K8299-67)
WM, separated, older, 5'7", 150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. In winter, I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-67)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

KATHERINE H.
(MN-M1994-K2073-67)
Member CLCC. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM TV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my femme side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."

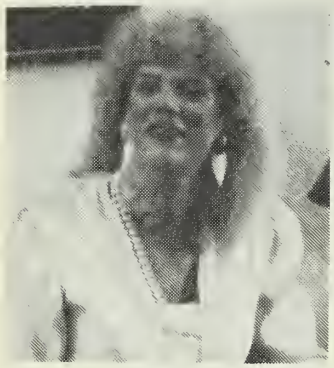
CORRINE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-67)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 20, 41, single, bi-TV. Interested in petticoats, garters, girdles, dressing in general, quiet personal evenings with bi-TV friends. "Twin city area meetings desired with bi-TVs. Phone number and photo gets same."

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-68)
Member CLCC. 5'11", 165, passable, hetero CD. Interested in psychology, theology, music (write sing and play several instruments) golf, my femininity, going out, and writing books on crossgender issues. "Happily married to a lovely, supportive wife. We are deeply committed to the spiritual ethos of love as exemplified in Jesus Christ."

WENDY PETERSON
(MN-P-M2193-K2625-69)
Early 30s, 5'10". "I've been out of touch for the last several months. My apologies to all who wrote but didn't get an answer. Interested in a wide variety of things. Enjoy dressing to the fullest with all things feminine. Looking for musicians interested in forming a CD/TV band."

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-67)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming To-

gether '90. MWM, TV, 5'9", 12/14, early 40's. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"



MIRA LaCOUS
(SE MN-P-M2818-K4680-67)
Member MFGE, CLCC, co-sysop LateNight BBS. M-F TS, 29, very tall, slender, long hair, quite passable, living about one-third time as a woman...soon more. "Love getting out and meeting friends. Life is great since transitioning. Partisapated in TS program at Univ. of Minn. Looking for friendship, sharing with TV/TS/GG. Write so we may correspond and/or meet. Not looking for anything sexual."

TERESA THOMPSON
(MN-NP-M4114-K8925-67)
5'9", 14/16, 40ish, hetero CD, married, wife doesn't know. Interested in classical music, quiet walks, tennis, computer languages. "After crossdressing for as long as I can remember, I am just now discovering this wonderful community. Want to develop my feminine side to its fullest potential, both inside and outside. Would love to hear from any CD, especially in MN."

MICHELLE P.
(MN-P-M3425-K7036-67)
MWM, tall, slender, with a very supportive wife. Interested in fashion, clothes, makeup, shopping, and developing my femininity. "Would like to meet, correspond, and exchange photos with all sisters."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)

NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)

BOBBI SWAN
(ND-P-M3557-K0975-67)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, and loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. We are seeking friends."

MONTANA (590- 599-)

COREENE A.
(MT-NP-M3496-K7214-68)
"Well, is anyone going to write to me and tell me their secrets—I'll tell you mine. I have lots to talk about. I am now interested in some 2.5 Premarin and some Delestrogen. Where can I get sheer X-long nylons?"

JERI C.
(MT-NP-M3808-K2030-68)
Member Tri-Ess. "Very understanding and caring older TV. Have been dressing since early childhood. Married. Wife accepts femininity. Would love to correspond with other CD/TVs in the NW area, but will answer all. Especially want to meet with others in Montana to share femininity."

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)

NAOMI O.
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney.

EVE B. (IL-P-M0523-K1199-67)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.

GLORIA WRIGHT
(IL-NP-M0613-K1205-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Tri-Ess. Born 1952, 5'3". "President of CGS, past officer in Tri-Ess. Too busy to respond to mail now. Hopefully, I can respond to mail at a future time."

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-68)
6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "I am very much a closeted TV, but I am willing to act as an escort/date for a very passable TV/TS."

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-68)
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birthyear 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-

smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-NP-M3085-K5273-69)
Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to ideas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples who are comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain and meet in midwest."

MARGO ST. VINCENT
(IL-P-M3384-K6781-68)
Early 30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, lingerie, garter belts, stockings, long nails, and hair. I get into looking slutty. Enjoy meeting dominant GGs or TVs to train me in feminine aspects. Love photography, video sessions. Answer all with photo."

HEDY H. (IL-P-M3569-K7483-68)
"Courtesan? Rusty-haired, mature very pretty 'in between' is plausible with her lush 41-29-42 figure. I am only 5'7", 140 in my stockings. Rendezvous in KC, Indy, Saint Louis, Chicago, Memphis possible. For big fun, gaiety, RSVP with your best snapshot, get-acquainted non-form letter."

SUSAN ROBERTS
(IL-M3797-K4725-68)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 160, 45, blonde, brown eyes. Hetero. Married 19 years. Interested in all things feminine, music, especially classic guitar, cycling and woodworking. "Longtime CD, but relatively new, coming out of my closet. I think I am passable, but not sure."

DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-67)
50, 5'11", 14T, MWM. "Dressed secretly for years. Out in public a few times, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in November '92 and am most grateful for the acceptance and support. Am a professional who lectures, consults, teaches, and writes. Wife is very understanding but not interested in seeing me dressed. Enjoy classical music, theater, conversation, sharing our stories. Sometimes pass well."

DIAN MARKS
(IL-P-M4138-K8914-66)
Member Chicago Gender Society. SWM, hetero, home alone CD, new to the community. "Waiting to hear from Tri-Ess. Just starting to learn more about this lifestyle, though I have enjoyed it for years. Looking for correspondence only. A great picture is hard to come by. Send one if you have one you are proud of."

BARBARA GLADE
(IL-P-M4148-K8938-67)
Member Tri-Ess. Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10", 170, married to supportive wife. Professional, interested in travel, exercise, autos. "Attend many Tri-Ess meetings and socials. Am not as active in CD scene as I could like. Looking for CDs to go out and help with my goal of passing in public."

MICHELLE MATTHEWS
(IL-P-M4150-K8905-67)
DWM, 44, 5'11", 150. Interested in photography; reading; boundary waters/Quetico Park; guitar; chess; sports; sexy, feminine clothing; hormones. "Dressed at four. Fought it for years, but learning to relax and enjoy it. Ready to correspond/meet with other TV/TSs or understanding women. Don't know if I pass, but I'd love to."

BRITTANY M.
(IL-M4201-K7033-67)
Brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in music and reading. "I am still in the closet, but would like to kick the door open. I would be interested in corresponding or meeting CD/TV/TSs. I would like to share my dreams with them and maybe someday I can walk proud as the feminine within."

MELISSA MICHELLE H.
(IL-M4267-K2011-67)
SW TV, hetero, 5'7", 200 and losing, mid40s. "CD 25 years. Finally gave in to complete dressing last 3 years. Just discovered IFGE, Tapestry. Love Melissa, but need help with cosmetics, deportment, etc. Want to meet ladies to learn from/with. Want to join a group and attend conventions and become more involved."

ALISSA WARE
(IL-M4314-K5715-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago. 5'10", 165, 33, divorced TV. Ultra interest in lingerie, heels, foundations. "Like my makeup with an intense look. Girlfriend very supportive, assists in my dressing. Want to hear from couples or TVs who like to dress and act like a bunch of girls. Will answer all, especially those with a photo."

JOANNE R. KUZMICKUS
(IL-NP-M4322-K9303-68)
New woman, 10 years, warm, sincere, full-figured. "Would like genetic females, straight or lesbian, for warm, open friendships. Employed college student. Like to be active. Many educational and cultural interests. Seek warm and sincere letters, photos. Would like meaningful two-way relationships. No cheap thrills or sexual activities."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B.
(MO-P-M0258-K0560-71)
Member TCNE, NWGA, SLGF. DWM, hetero, 53, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, meeting other sisters, camping. "Lifelong crossdresser. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers as well as CD events. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-P-M2689-K4328-68)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, and balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me–for sure–That's what friends are for . . . "

INGE VON KEHL
(MO-M3351-K6634-68)
Member CAF, KCK; GDS, KCMO. Post-op TS, academic professional (Medicine). "Enjoy theater, international travel, classical music. Fluent in Spanish, English, German. Like philosophical, scientific conversation over dinner."

TONI FRIED
(MO-M4052-K8561-66)
Member AEGIS. 5'4", 150 losing, dark hair, hazel eyes, BiW TV/TS. "Been dressing on and off ten years, but real

serious in the last year. I like meeting new people and enjoy being totally feminine. Right now scared and confused, lonely. Sound familiar? Interested in hearing from others on hormones. Will answer all."

TERRIE REESE
(MO-P-M2809-K4662-68)
Member Kansas City CAF. 5'10", long red hair, pass easily, TG. Interested in computers, art, fashion, cosmetology. "Married to a lovely woman. Owner of Digital Dreams, a fantasy photo retouch service. Let us make you look your best. Write for free brochure."

ROXANNE VELDY
(MO-P-M3623-K7751-68)
Member StLGF. Self-employed visual artist. MWM, 38, 5'11", children, wife tolerant, but not supportive. Involved with the gender community in St. Louis. Not passable, but trying. Out ten years and still battling for self acceptance. "I enjoy life and all its varied experience. Can we talk?"

JORDYNNE BAKER
(MO-P-M3874-K4403-66)
Member StLGF. MWM, 42, wife tolerant but not supportive. "Came out in late '92 and StLGF sisters and pen-girls from these warm pages helped me blossom. Your love has given me more hope than I dreamed possible a year ago. Still so much to learn, to do, to feel, and so many of you to hug. On accepting ourselves: *Nulla rosa sine spina*."

JULIE RUSSELL
(MO-NP-M3958-K2970-69)
DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-66)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

KANSAS (660- 679-)

EVELYN B.
(E KS-P-M0400-K1329-68)
"Tall, thin, enjoy getting out. Interested in meeting others interested in gender issues in Kansas City and other midwestern cities. Want to perfect classy and sophisticated feminine image. Active in some of the support groups. Lots of information on local resources and friendly shops. Not into long correspondence but can help with resources in the Kansas City area."

NANCY COLE
(KS-M2189-K2602-99)
Member Kansas City CAF, SLGF. Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party, Be All. "I have been crossdressing for years, and enjoy working with and for members of our community. I travel frequently and widely, enjoy just about everything, and do well for myself, both in my male and in my female role. Interests include reading, history, movies, current events, and, of course, fashion and beauty. (I'm a sucker for the antebellum stuff.)"

KELLY S.
(KS-NP-M2649-K2259-68)
Married CD, early 40s, 5'8", 155, 14. "Dressing since teen, going out for 10 years. Pass very well and enjoy going out and being treated like a lady. Enjoy all things feminine. Like to hear from like-minded sisters. Would like to exchange tips, photos and experiences. Will answer as time permits. Please send photo."

BARBARA R. JAMES
(KS-M4008-K6782-66)
Attended Holiday En Femme '87. M-F TG/TS, 50ish, blonde, brown eyes. Enjoy listening to classical music, Oldies, and some C/W music. "Enjoy shopping, cooking, cats. On hormones one year. Am a fun-loving person with a good sense of humor, no doubts about my femininity, and NO money. I will happily write to all, especially pre/post-op TS/TGs from SF to Reno."

APRIL W. (KS-M4297-K5621-67)
MWM. 5'6", 155, blonde, hazel eyes. Interested in fishing, auto races and driving trucks. "Enjoy crossdressing. Wife knows, but doesn't approve. Kids don't know. Would like to hear from MWM, or someone to help me out and give me advice. Love to hear from all married men, or anyone who will write."

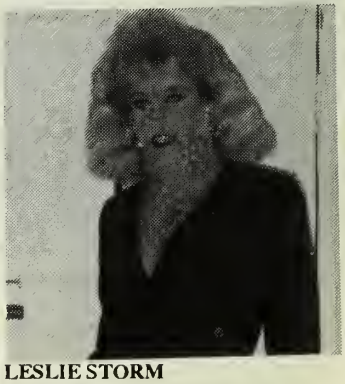
NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-66)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

MELISSA JEAN H.
(NE-P-M2742-K4493-68)
Member GIC Denver, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, socializing, golf, fishing, and discovering new things. "This flower seems to be a real slow bloomer. Opening even under the limitations of country life. Enjoy hearing from sisters, would like to hear from any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-68)
Member Tri Delta Chi. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, and would welcome corresponding with them."



LESLIE STORM
(LA-P-M4000-K8594-66)
SW, 40 going on 20, 5'10", 170. Like water skiing, fishing, golf. Open minded, friendly, sense of humor. This Cajun

lady loves to dress and go out dancing. "I would love to meet other sisters and men in my area or travel to meet ya'll. With my job, I'm in Houston, Texas and Fort Lauderdale, Florida a lot. Your photo gets my letter."

LISA HART
(LA-P-M1717-K1348-67)
Single TV, 39, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable with their female personae."

LEAH MEDUNA
(LA-P-M4067-K8796-66)
Member Understand, Tri Delta Chi. Pre-op TS. 37, 5'10", 120. Interested in art, theatre, ballet, girl talk, and shopping. "Living full-time now and enjoying being me. At last working hard to get my group Understand started. Want to fight for the rights of us in the community. Am an outgoing person interested in helping others. May the Goddess Mothers be with you all!"

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)

STEPHENIE RENEE' F.
(AR-M1841-K1998-68)
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass well."

JANA H.
(S AR-P-M2042-K2442-68)
Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 50's, 5'7", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Into full dressing eight years. Spouse helps, but not crazy about it. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-D's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more. Possibly meet in Ark, La, or Miss."

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

GEE TRANSU
(OK-M4204-K7024-67)
A lady of a certain age. Interested in dressing up, high heels, lingerie, classical music, musical theater, literature, history, computers. E-mail welcomed. Address to Gee, Compuserve ID #71672,2367.

MALINA W.
(OK-P-M3954-K8555-66)
SWM, bi-TV, 35+, 6', 195. Interested in sci-fi movies, rock and roll, IBM compatible computer building and repair, old car and motorcycle rebuilding. "Have finally accepted self, but still in closet. Friends and family don't know, and would not understand. Need understanding person to bring out the full woman with friendship or relationship."

TEXAS (750- 799-)

JANICE HILARY RUPARD
(S TX-M0567-K1413-67)
Attended Coming Together 1-5, Texas T 1,2, Esprit '90. Mid60's going on 50. Interested in dressing as a lady of my age. Usually passable, but who cares? "I try to answer all letters, but may take awhile. Be sure to include your address. My psychic powers can only do so much, and the ones without return addresses are often the most interesting."

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(E TX-P-M1250-K1398-68)
Participant in many events. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coördinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane and her wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are strongly committed to integrating dressing & family values.

CASEY COLE
(S TX-M1907-K2196-67)
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Attended every Texas T Party. Hetero male living with supportive GG. Interested in construction, cabinetry, bicycling, camping.

DEBBIE BROOKS
(TX-P-M1284-K1373-66)
Attended many events in the New York area during late '80's. Tall, slim professional entertainer. "Just getting active again after 3 years of divorce recovery. Interests include gardening, painting, music, fashion/glamor/makeup. I travel a lot and look forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new people."

DONNA E. MOBLEY
(TX-P-M1734-K1897-67)
Member Tri-Ess Board of Directors. Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Texas T Party '91, Holiday En Femme '89, '90, '91, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '89. SWM, 40-something, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Interested in scale modeling, photography, breaking nails. Widely traveled college grad, former military (combat correspondent), now professional TV/video producer. Actively involved in community activities.

BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-P-M2089-K8064-69)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Ingenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

CHERYL CLARK
(TX-P-M2116-K2510-69)
Member Austin Second Image. Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, '92, Coming Together '91, '92, Texas Seminar on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. 47, 5'9", 150, blond hair, blue eyes, accepted in public. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, etc. Love music, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. Lecture on transgenderism at the Austin Community College."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-69)
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

MAXINE MCDONALD
(N TX-M2223-K2669-66)
Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try to do it with class."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS
(TX-P-M3112-K5688-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega. "Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife. Educated professional. Pass well. Enjoy everything feminine, especially fine lingerie and pretty dresses. Interested in photography, fashion, history, world travel, and the arts. Enjoy exchanging photos, helping other sisters, and sharing life's experiences. Am sometimes slow to respond."

SUSAN JEAN SMITH
(TX-P-M2235-K2679-66)
Attended various European TV/TSballs. 5'10", tall, leggy, extremely well educated, professional. Interested in modeling, erotic dancing, escort service, body building. Texan TV living in Europe looking for classy generous man who wants to be pampered. Prefer black men. Will consider others. Want serious relationship, and to meet TV/TSs and girls."

JOANNA STEPHENS
(TX-P-M2722-K4386-68)
Member Sigma Epsilon/Delta Omega. Early 40s, warm and friendly bigenderist. "Tall and slim, 5'11", 138. Lover of life and people. Enjoy photography, social events, and being me. Shopaholic size 10 blonde with crystal blue eyes. Always enjoy meeting new people."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY (TX-P-M2940-K4963-65)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Came out - come out. You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

ELLEN CARLSON
(TX-NP-M3174-K6055-69)
Single, 36, 5'11", 158, size 16. "Want to be TS real bad. Love being and dressing like a woman at home. Getting better at passing every day. Very feminine and loving. Looking for serious relationship with TS, SM or female. Photo if possible. (Formerly Stephanie Spiegel.)"

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-67)
Member Boulton and Park. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Married hetero CD. "Wife knows, but has difficulty dealing with it. Am interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Would also like to correspond with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

DEBBIE HAHN
(TX-P-M3201-K6201-66)
Hi Everybody! 6', 170, divorced CD, member of Tri-Ess. Attended 1991 T Party. Miss my friends in Washington, DC, and looking forward to making new ones. Love music, plays, and sports. Comfortable with my maleness and exploring my femininity. I love to dress and primp. An adventurer, comedian, and smart-ass. Drop a line."

MELISSA THOMPSON
(TX-M3258-K6399-66)
Member Austin Second Image. 33, 5'10", 150, married with two young children. Interested in languages, cultures, and history of the Middle East. "My wife is fully supportive of my crossdressing; in fact we save money by sharing clothes. I most enjoy going out in public, and do so regularly. Would like to hear from others with children."

DIANNA B.
(TX-P-M3267-K6402-66)
Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of the closet December '91. Have a supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in the day so I would have more time to dress."

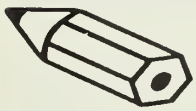
DIANNE G.
(TX-M3405-K6867-67)
39, single, 5'11", 145. Interested in art, photography, gardening, cooking reading. "Want to hear from and respond to all who are interested in the Texarkana and four states area. Open minded and interested in meeting."

JEAN G. (TX-M3421-K6856-67)
Single, 71, 6', 160, gray hazel eyes. Never married. Crossdressed since childhood. TS inclinations. "Welcome correspondence from all, especially mature men. Collection of TV/TS/CD books, memorabilia, newspaper items. Complete copy of Christine Jorgensen articles that appeared in *American Weekly* in the '50s. AKA left leg due to WW II."

MELANIE T.
(TX-M3537-K7180-67)
Member Tau Chi, GCTC. Attended Texas T Party (4), Fantasia Fair, Be All, Holiday En Femme, Dignity Cruises (4). "Young 50 year old CD married to ultimate supportive SO. Enjoy everything feminine, travel, and my beautiful wife, Dr. Peggy Rudd, author of *My Husband Wears My Clothes* and *Crossdressing with Dignity*. I enjoy meeting all from the gender community."

MONICA-LEE MARIE
(TX-P-M3506-K7202-68)
Hetero CD, 30, 5'11", 150, healthy. "Enjoy conversation, movies, reading, and travel. Seeking Lipstick Lesbian for sharing girl talk and candle light. If humor and compassion mixed with a passion for feminine fashion sounds like fun—what are you waiting for? Please send photo.

CHERYL L. BOLEN
(TX-P-M3629-K7747-67)
Member GCTC. 5'15", shy, but artistic and fun-loving TV/TS? Interested in art, music, feminine side. "Would love to correspond with others about living as a female. Consider dating understanding and supportive hetero males."



RANDI P.
(TX-P-M3650-K7875-68)
Member Boulton & Park. MWM, lifelong TV, 55, 5'10", professional, quiet and shy. "Interested in nurturing the femininity I have always suppressed and being who I really am. Would like to meet compatible friends and winter Texans in the Valley for social occasions."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY
(TX-M3818-K6221-68)
Member GCTC, ReCast, TATS, Boulton & Park.

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-68)
Single, mid-30's, 5'7", blonde, blue, taking hormones. Happy, well-adjusted, loves animals, intelligent conversation, romantic candle-lit dinners, slow dancing, cooking, classical-to-jazz, and country life (owns small farm). "Will answer all who send photo."

KIMBERLY S.
(TX-P-M4178-K1091-67)
5'10", 136, sophisticated and sincere CD. "Looking for what may seem impossible, a MWM 35-40 seeking discreet relationship. Write if you are interested. Photo appreciated."

JANELL STEPHENS
(TX-P-M4181-K9051-67)
MW pre-op TS, 5'6", 145, brown hair and eyes, 38. "Just a down-home west Texas girl in the Abilene area. Train horses, love outdoors and quiet evenings, good conversationalist, excited about my SRS. Very passable. Wife is somewhat supportive. Want to meet and support all my sisters in TX, NM, AR, LA. Will answer promptly."

MARK J.
(TX-NP-M4275-K2691-67)
31, M, self-employed, athletically fit, residing in Dallas. Seeks attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. All answered with letter and photo.

BEVERLY MOORE
(TX-NP-M4320-K6377-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Texas Rose. Attended Metro-plex CD Club, Delta Omega. Single TV/CD. Interested in classic cars, shopping, dancing outdoors, writing, old movies, cold cozy nights. "Enjoy being a woman, understanding people, going out in public. Exchange letters, photos, meet/date in my area. Answer all."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

SHIRLEY K. KNIGHT
(CO-P-M0493-K1450-66)
Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing 83, 84; Texas T Party 89, 90, 91, 92; IFGE Denver. SWM TV, 50's, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine. "I enjoy hiking, bicycling, traveling, church activities, and going out in public dressed. Am currently vice moderator and Bingo cashier for Pueblo MCC church."

ROXANNE SALEM
(C CO-M2600-K3768-67)
Member GIC, Delta Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Fall Harvest '90, '91, IFGE Convention '91. 40+, SWM TV. "Enjoy meeting sisters and brothers in this fantastic community. The development and empowerment of Roxanne has brought depth, meaning, peace and contentment into my life. Keep the life force flowing and keep believing in you."

RENAE E. (CO-M2948-K5068-68)
MWM, 40's, 6', 190. Interested in photography, woodworking, needlepoint. "Closeted, wife somewhat supportive. Dressing since age three. Would like to correspond with others to gain confidence."

GERI G. (CO-P-M3077-K5676-69)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."

SHEETAH O.
(CO-P-M3638-K6276-68)
GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Good sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, trim, sensitive breasts.

WENDI M. (CO-M3725-K8260-68)
S TV, 39, 6', 135. Interested in computers, rock climbing, skiing, and being Wendi. "Have been dressing for years, but never made it past the front door. Would like to make friends to help me get out the door. Need all the help I can get."

ANGIE HOWE
(CO-M4154-K8933-67)
MWM, hetero CD, very young, early 50s, CD about 5 yrs. Interested in traveling, golf, model railroading,gardening, dressing. "Wife very supportive. She has sewn most of my extensive wardrobe. Interested in corresponding with and possibly meeting other hetero CDs and learning more about CD culture and my feminine self."

MARLA B.
(CO-NP-M4263-K5352-67)
Member Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; CIS Genderline. SWM, hetero, TV, 41, software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businessman and engineer. "Enjoy dining, plays, shows and music. Delight in both the balance and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting others in the gender community, and GGs as well."

WYOMING (820- 831-)

LORI LARKIN
(WY-P-M3229-K6287-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Chapter. Attended Texas T Party '92. DWM, early 40's, 5'6", 125, slight build, size 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and especially dressing. "Am enjoying more and more freedom as Lori. Looking forward to new experiences with a great deal of excitement. Love to correspond with others. Travel and select outings possible."

MICHELLE INGLE
(WY-P-M3332-K1454-69)
Attended Coming Together. MWM, 34, 5'7", 140. Interested in movies, rock 'n' roll music, dancing, shopping, fashionable clothing. "Wife supportive and understanding. Enjoy going out as Michelle when I can. Would like to meet, correspond, and exchange photos."

IDAHO (832- 838-)

DAVI BRIGGS
(ID-P-M2078-K2472-68)
TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "I like going to the mall. Sometimes I'll stay there all day. I like bowling, water/snow skiing, roller skating, would try roller blades, hooking rugs. Would like to hear from other TV/TS sisters from different parts of the world."

WANDA S. (ID-M3238-K6335-66)
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

RENEE W.
(ID-P-M3586-K7579-67)
Member Tri-Ess. SWM hetero TV, 32, 5'10", 175. "Enjoy my classy wardrobe and going out. Like all aspects of feminine lifestyle, and am passable. Want to meet others like myself who live close enough to visit. Will share photos and letters with all sisters."

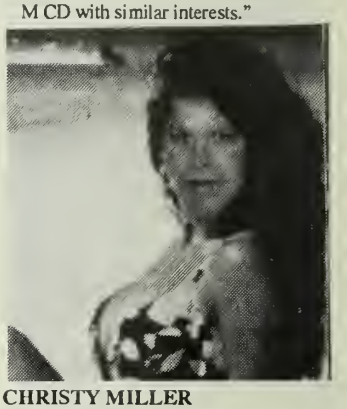
BONNIE M.
(ID-P-M4124-K8917-66)
Single pre-op TS, 5'10", 150. Interested in Native American culture, museums, mountains, fishing, hunting, camping, archery, photography, travel, meeting new people. On hormones since '79, electrolysis complete, saving money for surgery, breast augmentation. Living full time since '85. Want to meet couples, men, women, TV/TSs for friendship, dating, explain mutual interests, relationship."

BARBARA NEWMAN
(ID-NP-M4354-K9249-68)
Member Tri-Ess. 45, SWM. Interested in camping, football card collecting and being Barbara. "I am a lifelong crossdresser who just recently went out for the first time. I have a supportive girlfriend. Want to write other sisters. Will try to respond to all. Will trade pictures."

UTAH (840- 847-)

ROBIN J. (UT-M3339-K6618-66)
Member Tri-Ess. Divorced TV/CD/TS, 34, 5'6", 200. "Enjoy shopping, movies, music, learning about my other self. I've only recently decided to see what's outside the closet. Interested in meeting other sisters and attending social events/conferences. Although I'm terrible at correspondence, I would like to develop a circle of friends to be comfortable with."

MARY ANN L.
(UT-NP-M2120-K1458-67)
M-F CD, friendly, feminine, good sense of humor. Interested in golf, tennis, dancing, ice skating, fashion. "Would especially like to meet and correspond with F-M CD with similar interests."



CHRISTY MILLER
(UT-P-M2816-K4667-68)
"Beauty and the beast." Your photo gets my letter.

LINDA W.
(UT-P-M3930-K5354-66)
Member GIC of Denver. Attended Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Convention '93. MWM, 47, pre-op TS. Goal is SRS late '93. Interested in travel, nondrinker, nonsmoker, gardening, clothes, shopping. "Want to correspond with TSs and women who find TSs interesting. Living full time as a woman now. Would like to meet and talk with TS to discuss how to cope with children, one 2, one 6, and transition."

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

GEORGE B.
(AZ-M1012-K1461-68)
"Hello, I would like to write or meet new friends in the transgender community. I am 44, F-M. If you have a computer, let's network. Bye."

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-66)
DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-68)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Would like to correspond with TV sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."

CAROL DEARBORN
(S AZ-P-M2509-K3597-66)
"If I knew, years ago, of a TS sanctuary to escape to, the Gospel of Eliminating Money, Law & the $tate; women (especially non-virgins) are dangerous, true love leads to babies, masturbation is sin, persons born breech (feet first) are different, virginity is a blessing, theists saw the light, and clothes and genitals don't make a Messiah . . . "

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-68)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy creating the illusion of a sophisticated, fashionable woman who presents in good taste. Many interests including art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet and/or correspond with passable CDs in Phoenix area and other parts of the country. Not interested in men!"

LEE REYNOLDS
(AZ-P-M2514-K3665-67)
Member Alpha Zeta. Attended Texas T, Holiday En Femme, Coming Together. Presenter at Esprit '93, "Learning to Speak like a Woman." "Active in the crossgendered community as a speech therapist. Have a beginner's video tape for speaking like a woman. Also Tips for the creation of the illusion of Cleavage. Trade photos."

SAMANTHA CORMIER
(AZ-P-M3098-K5779-66)
Member of Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Attended Fantasia Fair '91. 5'9", 39, auburn hair, hazel eyes. Interested in reading, movies, music, camping, photography, and helping others in the gender community. "Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs or GGs. Will answer all who write."

DAGNY TAGGART
(AZ-P-M3268-K6393-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. Hetero CD, mid-30's, 5'10", 130, divorced. Enjoy outdoor activities, computers, dogs and cats, and girl stuff. "I'm the First Lady of Alpha Zeta, the Arizona Tri-Ess chapter. I enjoy shopping and dining out en femme. Would like to correspond with women by birth. Email: 75056,100 CompuServe."

TRISH T.
(AZ-P-M3320-K6584-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. 5'10", 150, 37, open-minded, friendly, good sense of humor, college degrees, now single, slightly vain. Former California girl loves the beach, sailing, snow and water skiing, sports, female beauty, oldies, movies, and fitness to maintain figure. "Gone out with friends to lunch, movies, and chapter meetings. Be my pen-girl. Send SASE for exchange. You won't be disappointed."

SANDY GARDNER
(AZ-M4040-K8786-66)
Member of Swan Inner Sorority. Blond/red shoulder length hair, blue eyes, 5'7". Interested in camping, fishing, adventure, horses, sunsets, fireplaces, cuddling. "I prefer silky satin to soft colorful cottons. I am interested in feminine women with the same interests for a one-on-one relationship."

CINDY N. (AZ-M4047-K8782-66)
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. SWM, divorced, 5'7", size 18, early 50's. Interested in photography, computers, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping. "Enjoy meeting new people. Have been editor of *Cactus Flower* for three years, and still like doing it!"

RASHEL R.
(AZ-NP-M4084-K8769-66)
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Attended California Dreamin', Holiday En Femme. 5'11", 195. "I enjoy being en femme, playing the piano, photography. Hetero single TG with TS tendencies. Enjoy networking with other serious sisters. Will respond to all who write."

KASSANDRA G.
(AZ-M4269-K0263-67)
Local MAGGIE affiliate. MWM, CD 44, 5'11", 175, blonde, blue eyes. "Like all types of music, corresponding with and meeting other CDs and women who enjoy the companionship of CDs. Enjoy going to clubs and other public places as a woman. Also being with real women while dressed. Look forward to new acquaintances."

LYNDA MERCY
(AZ-NP-M4210-K7303-67)
Member A Rose, SWFMA. "Hi! Bi-TG, songstress, guitars, flute, OUTDOORSY. Mourning the loss of my truck. Celebrating my annual 29th birthday again. Running a one-woman band, RAVENUS. Original music, not for everyone. LOVE, YESUS, JOY US, GOD US."

JUSTIN ALLEN & STEPHANIE HORN (AZ-P-M4224-K8641-67)
Justin F-M CD, Stephanie M-F post-op TS (11 yrs). Both 40. Justin wants to meet/correspond with other F-M CDs, and with M-F TVs interested in F-M CDs. Stephanie offers to support/meet/correspond with pre- and post-op M-F and F-M TSs. "We are looking for new friendships. Stephanie is Native American and would like to hear from other Native American TSs."

S. LUNA (AZ-M4346-K9599-68)
"TS and hoping to begin the journey soon. Truth and beauty, glamour and fashion, children—just like any other girl. Worship my gorgeous five-year-old daughter. Consider me a little sister, though in my 40s, since I only recently committed to the change. Kind, loving, smart, fun,and look good. Do write."

DIANA ISHAM
(AZ-M4407-K8992-68)
50, 5'2", 125. Interested in music, playing pool, dining out, shopping. "I am just coming out and would like to meet and go places with other ladies like myself and bring out the woman in me."

CRYSTAL B.
(AZ-NP-M4427-K9668-68)
6'0", 170, 39, single TV/CD. Enjoy science fiction, cars, boating, antiques. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters and enjoy my femininity more."

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

ERIKA DALE
(NM-P-M2634-K4119-67)
Member Feminet BBS. Attended Fantasy Realization B & D Ball '92. Professional, well educated, 38, pre-op TS, 5'8", 159, brunette with green eyes. "Love being Erika, been told I am cute, if somewhat athletic. Early stage pre-op TS. Dealing with typical issues of transition. Interested in meeting caring, intelligent man from the SW."

RENEE G. (NM-M4200-K7141-67)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

NEVADA (890- 898-)

SUSAN BALLINGER
(NV-NP-M3999-K8467-69)
"Hi, I'm Susan, an attractive, 30ish hetero TV, intelligent and sensitive. Interested in meeting feminine female for friendship and romance. Would also enjoy friendship and correspondence with TV/TSs. Like skiing, hiking, sailing, outdoor interests. Love living en femme and sharing this with the right person."

LORI B. (NV-P-M3376-K6577-67)
33, 5'11", 155. Beginning transition, eternal optimist. Interested in business, writing, philosophical conversations, and shopping. "I like being me. Would like to correspond with and possibly meet upbeat people for mutual support and friendship."

PATRICA D.
(NV-P-M3448-K7084-67)
5'7", DWM, hetero CD, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in jazz, reading, and hiking. "Have just overcome lifelong sense of guilt. My sister and mother encouraged me to become their daughter/sister. Just started crossdressing again and am very happy with Patrica. Need help."

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

MARLENE L.
(S CA-P-M1036-K1602-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Chapter, National, and Tri Chi, Tulare, Ca. Attended Holiday en Femme '87, '89, received Special Service Award, Tri-Ess. 59, divorced, professional. Interested in tennis, motorcycle touring, cross-country skiing. "I help Carol Beecroft in the Tri-Ess National office."

BETSY B.
(N CA-M1104-K1692-68)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-68)
TS after many years of hiding in the closet. "Am happily moving rowards SRS. Love the wonderful changes in my body, but grieve the loss of a loving family unable to accept or understand. Would like to hear from others that have or are experiencing similar problems."

JEANNIE/JEAN F.
(CA-M1291-K1589-66)
Lifelong dresser, 63, little experience out. "Avid reader and collector of reading material. Into computer video, many CD and she-male. Would trade or sell books. Do some public speaking (12-step program), bicycle and snow ski (racing). Need plenty of guidance. Let's write and share."

SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(N CA-P-M1472-K7809-69)
SWM, Bi-TV, 33, 150, 6'0", long hair, currently in electrolysus. "Formerly Sharyn Stevens, but boyself has finally accepted femme self into the family! Interested in dates, NOT penpals (no time to write). Attractive, relaxed, non-smoking companions sought, SF Bay area, for movies, conversation, sharing fantasies. Male female, or TV/TS. Also interested in dating TV/TS as Steve."

KAREN R.
(CA-P-M1514-K1234-68)
Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Interested in comedy writing, typical CDstuff. "If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable about yourself, you're my kind of person!"

ROXIE HOROWITZ
(S CA-P-M1636-K1549-67)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended California Dreamin'. SWM 5'8", 170, bigender. Runner, speaker, scriptwriter, actor, comic. "Wish to network with creative TVs throughout the nation. Like to hear from TVs who would make a great interview for 'Larry King.'"

DONNA FREEMAN
(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-67)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 46 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 5 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

SARAH W.
(N CA-P-M1727-K1877-68)
32, pre-op M-F TS, on hormones one year. Surgery scheduled for late 1993. "It has been an incredible year! From telling family, friends, and work, to going full-time, to feeling whole at last! Wish to offer support and understanding to my sisters. Quite active on the Internet."

STACY C.
(CA-NP-M1806-K1961-67)
Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psychology graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Would love limited correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for faster response."

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-67)
Member ETVC in SF, RGA in San Jose, DVG in Walnut Creek. Participant Two Fantasia Fairs, two Texas T-Parties. 5'10", brown, blue, 51, pass well. Interested in all things feminine, computers, going out dressed with TV or alone, but best of all with my wife. "Recently married to an understanding woman who knew...best girlfriends and a wonderful wife. I'm smiling a lot of late!"

ELIZABETH BLAIR
(S CA-P-M1927-K2214-68)
MWM, 39, 5'10", size 18. Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shopping, cooking, photography and all things feminine. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with TV/TSs, especially queen sized sisters."

LISA MAXWELL
(CA-M1965-K2133-68)
MWM, 39, 5'8", 150, still in closet, very unsupportive wife. "Learning about who I am. Enjoy cosmetics, a clothes horse! Hoping for a major change in the future. (Please don't write as this isn't too cool under present situation.)"

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-NP-M2099-K1518-69)
Cute white TV enjoys working in the community and helping others. "I travel to most of the conventions and also on business a lot. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others who have the same interests. Drop me a note and let's get together and go out on the town."

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-68)
Bi-TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman almost all of my life. Looking to hear from others. Age 23."

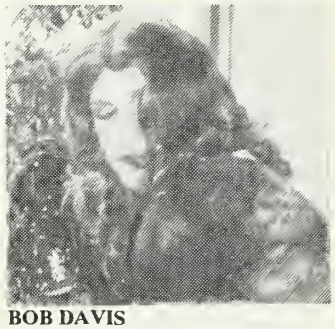
JANELLE & DIANA S.
(CA-NP-M2327-K3024-69)
Married heterosexual couple. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others interested in music, literature, travel. Hobbies include needlecrafts, home decorating, computers, and movies. Interested in providing moral support for those still in the closet. "Everyone needs friends."

ROXANNA ROCHETTE
(N CA-NP-M2350-K3063-66)
Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. 5'11", 170, forever 39. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, and erotica. "'We are who we pretend to be.' Interested in correspondence, friendship and meeting anyone who is sincere to practice the art of gender illusionism."

MELANIE B.
(SW CA-M2566-K3737-67)
5'3", blue eyes, light brown hair, caucasian, 41, M-F pre-op TS. Facial electrolysis completed. On hormones one year. Interested in the arts, doll collecting, motorcycles, cooking, shopping, brainstorming, thrift stores, people, and museums. "Interested in F-M TS, pre-op or not, for friendship and possible long term relationship. No cigarets, drugs, or alcohol. Am dependable, hard-working, monogamous R.N. I'm agnostic, you?"

LORI CALLWAY
(SW CA-P-2586-67)
5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, 60s rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

TRISH ANDERSON
(CA-P-M2599-K3767-66)
"Very comfortable and outspoken, married TV. My wife Bev and I operate Cross Connection BBS and Femme Development Services in Los Angeles. We love to meet, encourage, and help all the girls in the community."



BOB DAVIS
(N CA-P-M2620-K1631-68)
"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: *Tapestry*, prior to #39, *Ladylike* #1 and 2, *Female Mimics International* #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's *Drag* and Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*."

KRIS C.
(C CA-P-M2713-K4340-67)
TV, 5'8", mid-thirties, brown hair/brown eyes. Sensitive and caring. Love feminine fashions, shopping for clothing, music, computers, sports. "Lifelong crossdresser who loves being feminine, especially when wearing dresses. Always open to advice on appearance. Will try to help anyone who corresponds by writing/photos."

PATTI PIERCE
(CA-P-M2799-K4649-68)

Member PPOC. Attended California Dreamin' '92. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, amateur radio, woodworking, shopping as Patti. Have fun corresponding with others and exchanging experiences and photos. Love pierced ears and earrings. Travel often in summer to various CD outings. Out of closet three years, and enjoy each new adventure."

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-M2833-K4704-68)

Member ETVC. Attend most events in Bay area. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, WF, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F TS (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. Enjoy music, dining out, pet lizards, and Siamese cat. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-sexual lesbian in lesbian relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)

Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *TV Guise* - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

DAINA II.
(CA-P-M3325-K6596-66)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, California Dreamin' '90. Attractive, passable hetero TV who is extremely feminine in all aspects - voice and mannerism. Loves day time (and night time) outings. Travels extensively.

CHARLENE HUNTER
(CA-P-M3460-K7122-67)

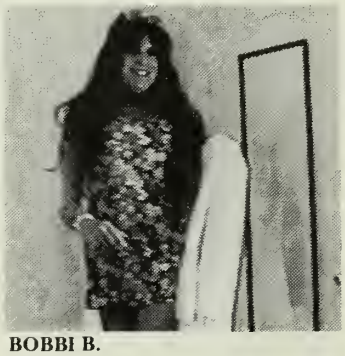
Member ETVC, Transcare, NZ, NWGA. Attended Coming Together '92, Esprit '92, Dignity Cruise to Alaska, Fantasia Fair '81, '92, Texas T Party '93. MWM TS, 55, 160, 5'11". pre-op TS, non-smoker, hazel eyes, auburn hair. Caring person. Interested in travel, vintage autos, C & W , music, sewing, gardening, make some of my clothes. Would love to hear from my sisters from the land down under, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Napier. "Living full time and enjoying life. Looking for sincere friendship with open minded individual leading to possible relationship." Am a gentle soul. Your photo gets mine.

SALLY ADAMS
(CA-P-M3517-K7247-67)

MWM, 5'7", 145, nonsmoker, late-50's. Pretty man. Prettier woman. Interested in music, travel, everything feminine. "Raised as Sally pre-school. Dressed at home through high school, whenever possible thereafter. Wife non-supportive. I know no greater joy than being a 'woman by choice.' Love corresponding with sisters."

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-68)

TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Would love to hear from others, especially in S CA."



BOBBI B.
(CA-P-M3693-K8021-68)

Tall, late 50's, accepting non-participating wife. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, sexy, needs social interaction. Loves role-playing/making videos—successful at it. "Let's meet, be social, role-play, maybe make videos together. Great fun/release. Very confidential. LA area."

PATSY A.
(CA-P-M3710-K8054-68)

Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Would like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs and friends."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-67)

58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

REBECCA ELIZABETH B.
(CA-M3793-K2890-68)

SWM, 44, 5'7•", 135. Interested in music, movies, books, cooking, stamps, all things feminine. "Still closeted, but wanting to come out. Have been crossdressing since age 9. Now that my daughter is grown and married, it is time for the true me to emerge. Seeking sisters for support and guidance on my journey."

MARKIE-MONTANA CHAMBERS
(CA-M3925-K8437-66)

Member ETVC, RPGA Network, Planetary Society. 6'2", 195, brown hair, blue eyes. Late 20's, M-F TS. Interested in computers, AD & D, reading walking, traveling. "Would be more than happy to correspond."

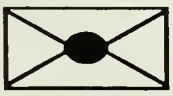
BECKY FISHER
(CA-P-M4019-K5114-66)

DWM, 6', 178, slim, 14/16, 60's. Interests: Northeast Indians, 17th-19th cen-

tury sailing ships, photography, travel. "Live as Becky as much as possible (in closet). Would love to correspond with other TVs for girl talk and mutual interests. Quiet, intelligent. Love everything feminine."

TINA H. (CA-P-M4104-K8886-66)
Member SGA. MWM, Bi, 160, 5'9", healthy and in good shape. Interest in photography, fashion, makeup, crossdressing. "Would love to correspond and meet other TVs. Enjoy exchanging photos and life experiences with crossdressing. Been dressing since teen years. Ready to come out of closet and make new friends."

SYDRA LEE
(CA-P-M4107-K8760-67)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 155, 14, 53. Interested in service groups, helping others, music (all kinds), old movies, Star Trek (new one), walking on the beach, clothes shopping, my jacuzzi, practicing makeup, my own long hair (blondes do have more fun), dancing (all kinds), long dresses. "Recently came out Wow! Please write."



JENNIFER MICHAELS
(CA-P-M4132-K4879-68)
5'10", 140, MWM, passable. Enjoy shopping, biking, surfing, going out as Jennifer. "Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Would like to correspond with others and share insights on how to balance CD and family life. Enjoy trading advice and suggestions regarding dressing. Will answer all letters."

MARY R.
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-66)
5'1", WM, 49, hazel eyes. "Love to dance. Appreciate classy crossdressers in forties. Travel by public transportation in SF Bay area. Looking for friends, place to dress, socialize in Marin. Non-smoker."

CAROL SCHOFIELD
(CA-NP-M4371-K9636-68)
Pre-op TS, 5'8", 140, ash blonde. Interested in art, music, theater, people, fitness, intelligent conversation. "I would like to meet a successful gentleman (50s plus) who knows how to treat a lady, and very passable TV/TSs for friendship. Photo appreciated for response."

LINDA LEE
(CA-NP-M4411-K9187-69)
Member RGA, Diablo Valley Girls, ETVC, Sacramento Gender Association. President Northstate Gender Association and Girl Flyers. "Been out since January '93. Discovered associations and marched with ETVC in the San Fran parade. I thank all thosewho made this possible."

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

TRACY ANN RYAN
(HI-M2180-K2598-69)
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. "M-F TG. As president of our local gender organization, I am very active in Hawaii's T community. Although I no longer have time to maintain penpal correspondence, I will write to those inquiring about our group or issues concerning the formation of groups elsewhere."

SHARON W.
(HI-M3185-K6110-66)
Married hetero, male, 6' tall. "Like reading, travel, horology. Wife is supportive, changing my conception of personality. Learning how to pass. Not there yet."

ALANA A.
(HI-P-M3308-K6597-67)
Asian, hetero, CD, 41, 5'9". Interested in all aspects of our wonderful feminine life-style. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Still in closet. Anxious to go public. "Love to meet with, correspond with sincere, discreet CDs in order to enhance our female image. Will answer all letters."

OREGON (970- 979-)

KAREN KROLL
(NW OR-P-M0322-K1576-67)
Member NWGA, RCGC. Pre-op TS, 50, 5'9", 186, on hormones 3 years, and started to live full-time in '93. "Outgoing and friendly personality. Enjoy meeting and writing to others. Have written articles on TS & CD issues and have taken part in several panel discussions. Changing careers in '93 so I am returning to school fo an MSW in counseling."

ELLEN SUMMERS
(OR-P-M0382-K1703-64)
IFGE Board of Directors, . Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

KAREN PHILLIPS
(OR-M3158-K5762-66)
5'8", 165, hetero, 10, brown hair and eyes. Divorced. Interested in dressing up, heels, makeup, hair; camping, computers, golf, woodwork. "Just coming out. Want to meet other girls in the area and exchange ideas. Not passable, yet, but with a little practice, I'll be ready. Dying to go out!"

JAN C.
(OR-M3514-K7221-66)
MWM, 5'10", 170, 60+. Computer nut, interested in dressing, easy listening music. "Want to meet other CDs. Travel frequently to Ontario, Quebec and states on I-94, I-5, I-40. Will write all. CD over 50 years. Wife non-supportive, so need someone to talk to and learn from."

RONI LANG
(OR-P-M3599-K7624-68)
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

ROBIN JOAN DERLIN
(OR-NP-M4046-K8783-66)
Member NWGA. TG/CD, 26, 5'7", 230, size 20. Interested in computers, writing, games, costumes, S-F (especially *Star Trek*), dressing, inner beauty, sharing good feelings. "Recently started to come to terms with my dual existence. Am ready to share experiences & good feelings with my sisters in the community. Would love to have some pen pals."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-67)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted asmiddle-aged lady I am."

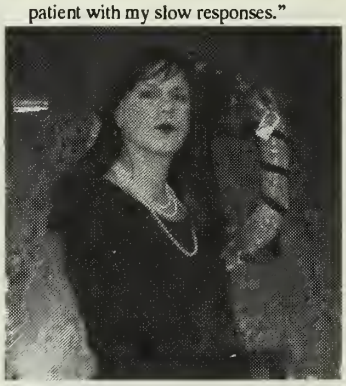
JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-NP-M1024-K1719-68)
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do and having fun."

MICHELLE LEE H.
(WA-P-M1446-K1406-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Emerald City, NWGA, Boulton & Park, ETVC. Attended Holiday In Femme, Be All, Esprit, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, Dignity Cruise. Interested in cooking, gardening, flowers, golden retrievers, golf, reading, music, shopping, reaching out, and annual Esprit week in the northwest.

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-P-M2102-K2505-68)
Member Emerald City, Omega Alpha Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'9", 200, 59, TS living full-time. Interested in sewing and design, art, calligraphy, scale model planes, collect dolls and stamps, model railroading. "The wife is a good friend. I enjoy hearing from others.Answer all letters."

TRACI SCHOTT
(WA-NP-M2942-K7835-69)
Member XX Club/GICNE Program, AEGIS. Pre-op M-F, 32, 5'2", 110, brunette, hazel eyes. "Recently moved here from Massachusetts and living full time in my preferred gender role. Want to correspond with other former gender dysphorics (TSs) who wish to provide and/or receive information/advice relevant to our plight."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-NP-M3119-K5669-69)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write occasionally to sisters in the NW who are patient with my slow responses."



GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-67)
6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicycling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my feminine self."

JANET ANDERSON
(WA-M3322-K6603-66)
6'2", 185, slim. Interested in gardening, do nothing, eating out, and living like a she/male. Have crossdressed for many years. Would appreciate a woman who could accept and encourage a male to be feminine and have a woman-to-woman and a male-to-woman relationship. Am considering hormones. TV with strong TS tendencies."

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-67)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."

KRISTEN A. LANGLEY
(WA-NP-M3560-K7441-68)
Member Emerald City. 35-year-old M-F pre-op TS. Participant Esprit '93. "Finally becoming 'Red' after far too many years. Interests: photography, cartooning, model railroading and *Star Trek*. I'm a hopeless romantic who has a great sense of humor, too!"

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-M3828-K1722-69)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to opera), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

ERICA LANG
(WA-M3924-K8438-66)
5'11", 167, hazel eyes, brown hair, 33, married, hetero. Interested in writing and photography. "Just starting out, but been under since age 6. Would love to have many girlfriends. Sorry, no picture, yet, . . . soon, though. Looking for places to go and meet people in Seattle area. Let's dress!"

STEPHANIE ANN MILLS
(WA-M4001-K8609-66)
MWM TV, hetero, 42, 5'7", 160. "Lifetime crossdresser, but nonsupportive wife and 2 teenagers keep me in the closet. Working on developing feminine image. Love all things feminine. Educated professional, interested in writing, reading, music, the performing arts. Caring, sincere, sensitive and trusting friend who seeks like-minded TV/CDs for sharing and support."

JAMIE R. (WA-M4016-K7977-66)
MWM CD, 49, hetero, loving and supportive wife. Interested in outdoor activities, boating, cooking and computers. "Love crossdressing, especially nylons and lingerie. Would like to correspond and possibly meet with other married couples with similar interests. Would like to improve femme image. Discretion a must."

ALASKA (995- 999-)

NORA JEAN YORK
(AK-P-M1425-K1744-66)
Member Berdache Society, Identity, Equal, Congress of Representatives. Participant Coronations '89, '90, '92. Berdache Princess 1992. "Enjoy being feminine, cooking, sewing, mnt. biking, home computer, and cam-cording. Collect music cassettes and CDs, Marilyn Monroe plates, and Wizard of Oz memorabilia."

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-67)
Member Berdache Society. Attended Alaska Coronation '92. WHM, 50, hetero, supportive wife, children grown and gone. 5'5", 140. Interested in computers, art, music, flying and being feminine. "Like to spend all my free time as a woman, go out dressed a lot. Try to promote Berdache Society. For those interested in this uniquely Alaskan group, write me."

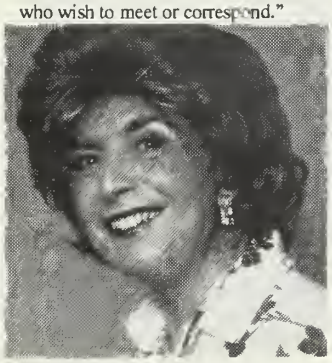
BILLIE SULLIVAN
(AK-NP-M4324-K2359-67)
Blk TG, 6'2", 240 and losing. Interested in aviation, computers, SF, people, fashion. "Married, wife knows, somewhat supportive. Not passable, but love being the woman I am. Live minis, full petticoats, corsets and nylons."

DONNA S. (AK-M2247-K2739-66)
Member Tri-Ess. TV, 5'9", 36, 140. "Enjoy dancing, pool, socializing, and shopping as a woman. Also enjoy mini skirts to show off my figure. Will answer all letters."

MIKKI T. (AK-M2420-K3332-66)
Member Berdache Society. 40, divorced, TS, 6', brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in computers, BBSing, mail. "Am a computer enthusiast wishing to correspond with others via BBS or mail. Believe the time is right for all to come out of the closet and stand up for our rights."

CANADA

CAROLYN A.
(CAN-M1087-K1770-68)
"I'm a still holding 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi-WMM CD, well educated professional with a sensuous, caring attitude and a sense of humor. I pass adequately and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with those having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."



YVETTE DUCHARME
(CAN-P-M1632-K1806-66)
Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, '92. Board member, Outreach Institute. Post-op. 5'11", 175, Single. Fortyish. Living alone. Interests: Femme things, fashion, makeup, travel, reading, listening to Big Band music, walking, movies. "I enjoy corresponding very much. My personality is classical type. Would like to correspond, form new friendships, and help others."

ROBYN V.
(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-66)
Member of Toronto CDC, Gender Mosaic, Ottawa. Hetero TV, 47, married with family. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and motor yachting. "Robyn has found herself! She loves to shop and dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel takes her to New York, Ottawa, Toronto, and other cities. Maybe we can get together sometime. Photo appreciated."

CHRISTINE B.
(BC CAN-M2474-K3498-67)
Pre-op TS, 43, single. "Been cross-living full-time for a year-and-a-half. Active in the Vancouver TS community. For the past year I have been working in the area of gender change employability issues. Also a founding director of the Zenith Foundation, a non-profit society for those suffering gender dysphoria seeking info on employment."

SANDY C.
(CAN-P-M2608-K3822-66)
Member of CDC, Gender Mosaic, MSC. Attended Be All '91, '92, TMS Coronation '90, '92. 39, 5'11", supportive wife and daughters. Enjoy socializing with couples and families, dining in or out, especially with a bottle of good wine. Love life and femininity, from high heels to walks in the woods."

STACEY M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-67)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "Consider myself a dresser, not cross. Stacey is an embellishment to my male role. I'm very open and public. Passing not an issue. Presentability and decorum important. Using dressing for personal growth of self."

GABRIELLE P.
(ON CAN-M2918-K4997-69)
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-66)
Attended Fantasia Fair '92. Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 41. Interested in books, stockings, and computers. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my legs. Just had my first trip to the US where I spent most of my time as Karen. Hope to repeat soon."

MICHELLE JOHNSON
(CAN-P-M3165-K1754-66)
Member Cornbury, Emerald City, NWGA. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, mid 40's. Enjoy people photography, music and singing. "Love being a well dressed girl and being involved in mainstream activities. Go out regularly day time or night time. My first airplane trip was fun. Tolerant and supportive wife."

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-66)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN-P-M3385-K6790-67)
Married, hetero, supportive wife, 27, passable, love to go out as a female. Interested in writing, shopping, and helping others. "Married in 1990 en femme, written book about experience, and produced a video helping other sisters with makeup and showing my entire wardrobe. Would love to hear from other sisters who are in need of a friend and love to write."

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN
(CAN-P-M3502-K7186-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93. W pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 175, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Shy. Seek long term relationship with F-M or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Forming TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

CHERYL C.
(CAN-S. ONT-NP-M4418-K0795-68)
STV, 30, with TS feelings, 5'9", 155. Interested in skiing, travel, fitness. "Would like to correspond and meet TV/TSs in USA and Canada for friendship and support, also females for long-term companionship. Love being feminine and would love to share it with others of a like mind."

ANGEL RICHARDS
(CAN-M3715-K8046-68)
Member of Cornbury Society. Single, 30, enjoys cooking, good friends and shopping. "I am an amateur artist and a twelve-stepper. Would like to hear from others, especially in my area."

MICHELLE M.
(CAN-M4170-K9094-67)
Member Illusions Social Club, Calgary, Alberta. Won awards in hockey, skiing. 5'8", 150, red hair, blue eyes, great legs. Tight, trim body due to sports. Interested in reading, music, flowers, sports, snow skiing, hockey, etc.

KRISTEN M.
(CAN-M4431-K9674-69)
Member Illusions. Passable hetero, married CD, 35, 5'6", 150. Just out of the closet and very happy. Wife is supportive. "Am a very caring and committed person. Enjoy dressing completely. Want to correspond with other married CDs and couples who enjoy dressing together. No sex letters please. Will write back."

MEXICO

LAURA MORENO
(MEX-P-M2670-K4260-67)
Attended Fantasia Fair '91. Separated WM, 41, 5'10", 140, brown hair and eyes. Interested in music, reading cooking photo, people. "Lifelong CD, passable at times (too tall for a Mexican girl). Still trying to join or form a TV/TS group in Mexico City for mutual support. Where are you my Mexican or Latin people?"

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCOTLAND-P-M2791-K4526-68)
Founder of Grampian Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero TG, divorced, 62 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt*. A conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns, I pass well and go everywhere dressed. Love helping other genderists and hearing from sisters abroad."

KAREN BARCLAY
(ENG-P-M3191-K6155-66)
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interested in Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe crossdressing sets you free. I also think you can get more from a dress and a kind word than you can from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

EUROPE

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GERMNY-NP-M3050-K5626-69)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, ash blond hair, somewhat passable. Interested in photography, cooking, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling. "Attended 25th anniversary FPE-NE, EuroFantasia, Harmony Weekend. I like fine lingerie, elegant ladylike dresses, perfect makeup. Dressed up many times in public. Like to correspond with sisters in the USA."

AMANDA Q.
(GERMANY-NP-M4252-K9420-68)
Member Rose's (Repartee). Attended EuroFantasia. 35, TV/TG, brown hair, brown eyes, married. Interested in art, music, feminine fashion, cooking. "Have just discovered a route out of my closet thanks to EuroFantasia. What a wonderful feeling freedom is! World, here I come! Sensitive, caring and very sincere person. Will answer all."

EVA K.
(GERMANY-P-M3749-K8211-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, crossdressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."

HANNAH SUSANNE VOLKERS
(GERMANY-P-M4240-K9529-67)
Hetero CD, 6'1", slim, fit, 35, one daughter. "Love to be feminine and alive. Enjoy meeting women & friends who understand. Plan to go out dressed after cosmetic surgery (electrolysis for about a year) & hope to pass well. Looking for contacts with other CDs. Would like to correspond, share feelings and experiences. Photo would be nice."

JENNY SAND
(NORWAY-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUSTRIA-M2774-K4604-68)

Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-69)

MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."

HONG KONG

ROSEMARY LANGTON
(HONG KONG-P-M1792-1949-67)

Member Seahorse, NSW, Beaumont Society, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM 61. Interested in Victorian, Japanese, little girls' clothing & maternity, dressmaking, meeting TVs, and correspondence. "Lifelong dedicated TV. Dual life since I came out in 1961. Spouse and adult family accept. Pass. Retired, living partially in UK, Australia, & Hong Kong."

JAPAN

JOYCE DIANE CHAMPION
(JAPAN-P-M3272-6417-67)

US citizen. 5'8", 150, 32, TV/TS that loves changing channels. "Having fun! Enjoy humorous, intelligent, provocative conversation and correspondence, feminine apparel, and frou frou. I love bringing the feminine illusion to life through modeling for photography sessions. Musician/writer. I respond quickly and as directed for security. Expect same. Photos welcome. Return to the States early '94."

ELECTROLYSIS
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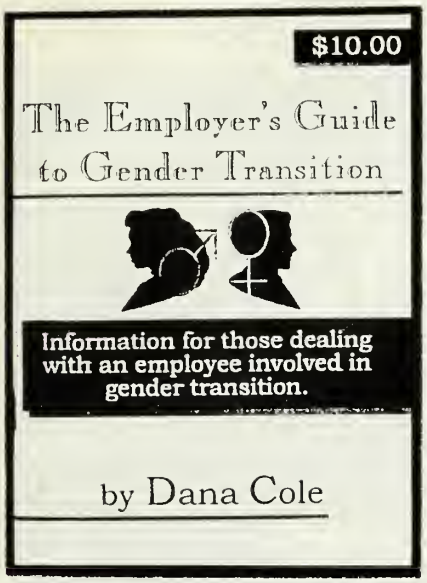

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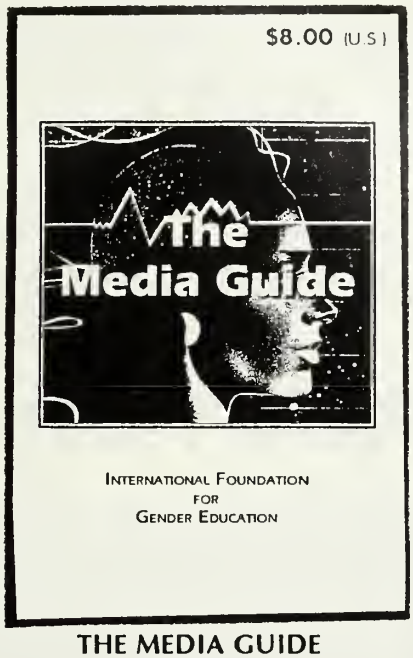

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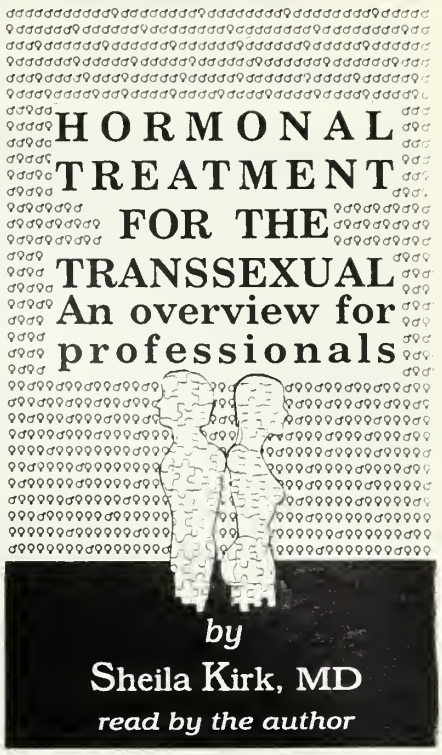

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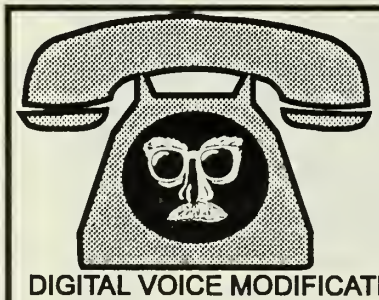

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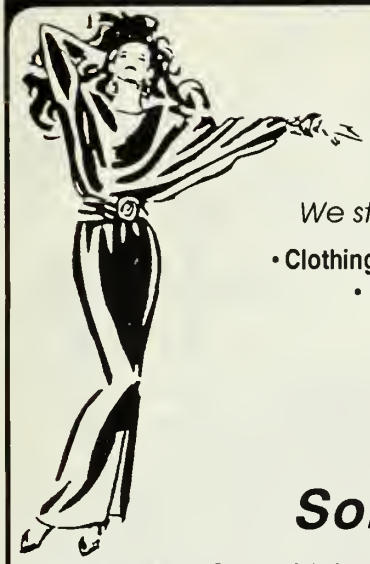

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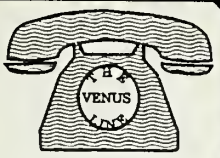

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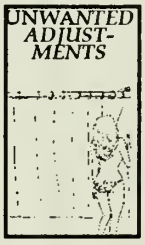

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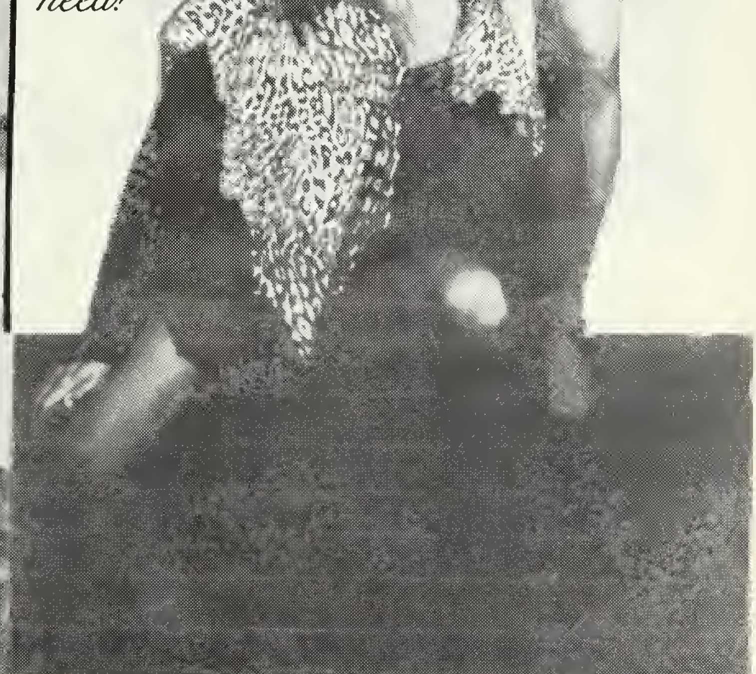

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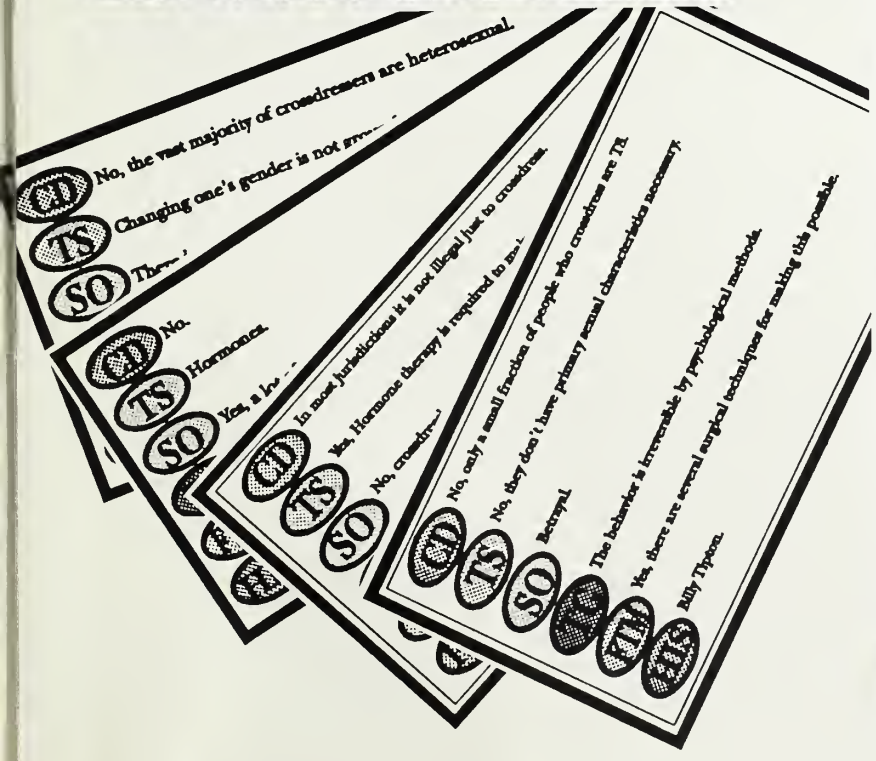

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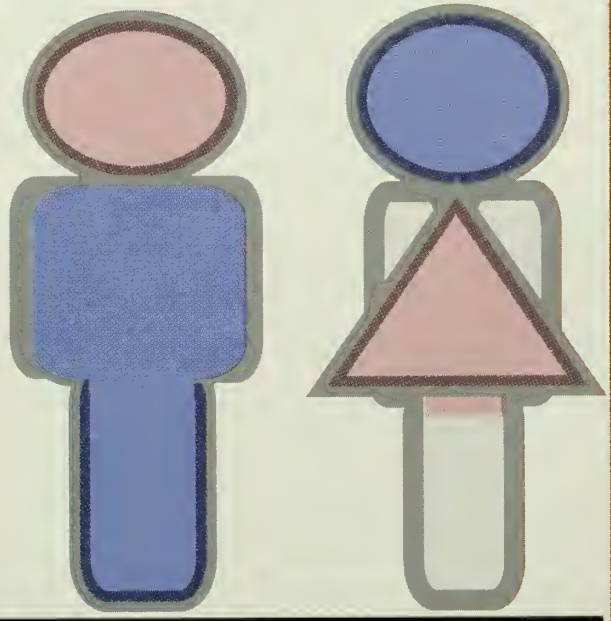

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